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Onigiri Seminar

China and International Order: A New Typological Analysis

The rise of China and its implications for the international order have been heatedly debated among scholars since the end of the Cold War. However, scholars seem to talk past each other because of the contestation over the definition of “international order” and the lack of theorization of the mechanism of “order transition” in world politics.



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We introduce an integrated definition of international order by embracing major IR theoretical perspectives on international order. In addition, we stratify and categorize international order through different levels (norm-based, power-based, and rules-based) and different issue-areas (security, political, and economic). We then examine the nine dimensions of international order in the Asia Pacific and discuss China’s foreign policy dynamics in the different dimensions. We conclude that China’s challenge to international order is more uncertain and difficult than widely perceived.

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Time: 10:35 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Venue: RCAPS Room A (2nd Floor, Bldg B)

Chair: Prof. SATO Yoichiro APU-APS

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