

Sub-Project II: China's Foreign Policy and Other Countries' Policies Toward
China
(China Study Group)

Research Overview

There is no doubt that China, which has rapidly stepped up its presence in both the economic and security spheres, is one of the biggest variables determining the trend of the international order. Having grown in self-confidence in its leverage over neighboring countries, especially since the 2008 financial crisis, China has even more actively developed its diplomacy to forge a new cooperative international framework while become increasingly assertive in the seas surrounding China. It would not be an exaggeration to state that the recent international situation in the Asia-Pacific region has developed mainly by the interaction of China's aggressive and assertive foreign policies and other countries' reactions and precautions. Therefore, we need to continuously explore the issue of how the influence of China's economic and military power affects the existing order in the international community.

This issue includes two questions. One is that of how China uses its increased economic and military power in its foreign relations, and the other is that of how other countries perceive and react to China's increased power and its foreign policies.

To address this issue, this sub-project will organize two research teams. Team A will analyze how China's domestic situation, including an economic slowdown and an intensification of the power struggle, influences its foreign actions, i.e., the concrete causal relations between domestic politics and foreign policies in China. Team B will conduct research on foreign countries' views and policies vis-à-vis China and elucidate the trends and determining factors therein. We will then use these findings to make recommendations on foreign policies Japan should adopt to maintain the existing international order and rules, as well as its national interests, in collaboration with other countries over the medium to long term.

Research Teams (China Study Group)

The research for this project will primarily be carried out through the following two teams. The teams will continually share their research findings with each other.

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