

President Medvedev's Thinking in Russian Policy towards China

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Abstract

From 1992 till current time, the Sino-Russian relations have developed from “Friendly Neighbors” to “Constructive Partnership” and then “Partnership of Strategic Coordination.” On 2nd March 2008 Dmitriy Medvedev was elected President of the Russian Federation. In order to know the dynamics of Sino-Russian relations, it is necessary to explore the Russian new president Medvedev's China policy thinking. Therefore, the purpose of this article is to examine Medvedev's thinking in policy towards China. The article is divided into three major sections. It first analyzes the concept and aims of Medvedev's China policy. It then turns to review the background and logic of policy thinking of president Medvedev. In the final section, it looks into the “One China” policy of Russian government and its impact on the relations between Taiwan and Russia. This article maintains that former president Vladimir Putin had an influence upon Medvedev's China policy thinking.

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