

## Geopolitical Struggle in Indo-Pacific: A Case Study on AUKUS

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### Abstract

Indo-Pacific region has become one of the key strategic hubs where geopolitical confrontations evolve and develop day by day. These confrontations are influenced not only by the regional stakeholders but also by the extra regional stakeholders in which they try to secure their geopolitical interests in line with their national interests under a balance of power approach. It is of utmost importance to understand the geopolitical struggle that persist between powerful countries in and out of Indo-Pacific region. This paper seeks to shed light on the newly formed security partnership: AUKUS under a geopolitical perspective and to highlight its influence to evolving Indo-Pacific region. Organic State Theory and Rimland Theory will be incorporated in the paper to critically analyse AUKUS as a case study in the struggle for power in Geo-strategically significant Indo-Pacific region.

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