

Understanding the Geopolitical Rivalry between India and China in South Asia: Implications for Regional Stability and Power Dynamics

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Abstract

The geopolitical rivalry between India and China in South Asia has significant implications for regional stability and power dynamics. Unwanted pressure and the struggle for power has been directly involving with regional stability in various aspects including political, economic and social security. This research paper intends to identify the geopolitical rivalry between India and China in South Asia and its significant implications for regional stability and power dynamics. Through a meticulous examination of historical contexts, investment strategies and competing interests, this study aims to uncover the complex layers of the India-China rivalry to understand how it impact on regional stability in South Asia. By employing a mixed-method approach that combines qualitative and quantitative methods, including literature reviews, policy analyses, and case studies, this research paper elucidates the drivers and strategies employed by both countries in their competition for regional influence. The findings emphasized several key areas of contention, such as territorial disputes, economic projects, and military posturing, while exploring potential consequences and scenarios for regional cooperation or conflict. Moreover, this study sheds light on the responses of other South Asian countries to the rivalry and the role of external actors in shaping outcomes. Based on the findings, this research paper provides recommendations for promoting regional stability, including diplomatic engagement, dialogue, and confidence-building measures. This research further contributes to a deeper understanding of the multifaceted dynamics of the India-China rivalry in South Asia, serving as a foundation for analysis and policy discussions on regional security, cooperation, and power balance in the region.

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