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WHICH IS THE 21ST CENTURY'S BIGGEST PROBLEM--THE MIDDLE EAST OR CHINA?

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Abstract

We tend to focus on the Middle East at the world's biggest problem region and neglect other areas. But some analysts—especially those of a "realist" bent—see the rise of China as the really big question for later in this century. Will China have a "peaceful rise," or is the rise of any big power bound to cause tension and conflict? Is there anything we can do about it?

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