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“Rebalancing or Debalancing:
The U.S. Strategies and New Asian Order”
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East Asia is at a crossroads and its order is in evolution. Old and existing order patterns of East Asia no longer apply, including ancient China’s tributary order, current ASEAN's consensus and balancing order, and the hovering U.S. hegemonic order. The U.S. plays a critical role in the evolution of Asian order. How the U.S. employs its power, how it manages its relations with alliances, partners and other stakeholders, to what extent it commits itself to regional institutions and to which regional institutions, will, to a great degree, determine the nature of the new Asian order. The “strategic” rebalance of the Obama administration, without coordination with and support from key players in East Asia can debalance the region.

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