

Panel: China and Global Governance (Cosmos & Violet Room)

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CHINA'S AROLE IN GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

-Introduction: As Gill claims, "China plays a critical role on global issues, from nonproliferation to climate change..."

-China is rapidly integrating into the international system, but is still a newcomer to global governance.

-Beijing has noted their concern with global issues and has increasingly shown willingness to work multilaterally to deal with them.

-Climate Change: Elizabeth Economy, in her book "The River Runs Black" claims that Chinese "have moved aggressively during the reform period to establish formal institutions, draft laws, and undertake large-scale programs in the name of environmental protection."

-The principle of "Common but Differentiated Responsibilities" is crucial to understand the China's perspective.

-As long as China remains as active participant, it is expected that China and the developed countries would work together and sort out the differences to cope with the dangers of climate change.

-Human rights: Beijing claims that it is doing its best to protect basic rights of Chinese citizens and that it has paid heed to constructive criticisms of international community.

-China in recent years have joined a number of international agreements on human rights and taken meaningful measures to improve human rights situations within its border.

-Steps taken by China should be considered as significant given its increasingly important role in global governance including the one on human rights.

-Conclusion: As China emerges as a key player on global stage, its views on sovereignty and

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intervention display signs of greater flexibility and pragmatism across a range of international issues.

-The Chinese views on global governance are increasingly convergent with those of the international community.

-Chinese leadership has since the late 1990s implemented a new approach which is more confident, proactive, and convergent with international norms.”

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