Research Seminar

‘Does India Matter?’.

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In a famous article published in Foreign Affairs in 1999, Gerald Segal asked: “Does China Matter?”. His answer was that China mattered, but not in the way that Westerners often think it does, and – more importantly – not as much as they think it does. For Segal, China was destined to remain a second-rank power of limited military power, a far less profitable market than is commonly assumed, and a negligible source of innovative ideas. With apologies to Segal, this paper poses the same question of India. By the middle of this century, India is predicted to be, if not a superpower, then a great power playing an indispensable role in the Asia-Pacific region. This paper assesses these claims in the light of Segal’s analysis. It argues that India matters more than most commentators think, if not quite for the reasons that are most often advanced.

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