

## Entering Choppy Waters? Cooperation and Competition in the Indo-Pacific



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### *The Role of Russia in Eurasia and the Indo-Pacific*

Russia and China are discursively constructing a Eurasian regional order, one that is meant to challenge the Western-led world order. Both countries work out their separate projects for regional order and negotiate how they will align. Russian President Putin created the EAEU and CSTO to form a Greater Eurasian Partnership (GEP) which he planned to link to Asian projects such as ASEAN and to balance China's BRI. The GEP was expected to give Russia a sphere of influence in Eurasia which could be used as a platform to project a great power role in the Indo-Pacific. Putin overestimated ASEAN's interest in Russia's great power role in Asia and he underestimated Central Asia's capacity, especially Kazakhstan's, to resist being within a Russian sphere of influence.

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*Sino-Russian Local Relations: Heihe and Blagoveshchensk*, The Asan Forum (December 2019);

*Chinese, Russian, Japanese, and Korean Strategies for Northeast Asian Cross-Border Energy Connectivity*, Joint U.S.-Korea Academic Studies Journal (2019);

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