

# ASIAN REGIONAL DYNAMICS

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# International Order

“The governing arrangements among a group of states, including its fundamental rules, principles, and institutions.”

Ikenberry (2001)

- Attract foreign partners
- Provide domestic benefits

# Hegemon or Rogue State?

- Hegemon
  - Establishing and maintaining overall system
  - Diffuse benefits
  - Facilitate international leadership
  
- Rogue State
  - Rejecting overall system
  - Specific benefits
  - Pariah status

# Hegemon or Rogue State?



# Constitutional Order

- Institutional Binding
- Largest, most powerful alliance network
- Most secure time for small states (Long, 2020)
- Trade > Pre-WW1 system
- Third-wave democracy

# National Security Strategy

“The days of the United States propping up the entire world order like Atlas are over.”

# China's *Vision of Order*

- “Peaceful Rise”
- “Win-win development”
- Multipolarity

# China's *Vision of Order*

- Global Development Initiative
- Global Security Initiative
- Global Civilizational Initiative

# Consistency, but...

- No institutional binding
- Personalization of domestic politics
- Zero-sum, not positive-sum
- Diffuse benefits?

# Difficult Choices

- Both US, CH potentially pursuing transactional deals, specific benefits
- Durability of order
- Contents of order

# Recommendations

- Exchange = explicit
- Credibility mechanisms
- Sequencing of payoffs

Thank You!