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**CHINA-JAPAN RELATIONS:
A REALIST PERSPECTIVE**

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Abstract:

This talk examines the tension between China and Japan from the perspective of realist international relations theory. In particular, structural realism can help us identify the causes of tension between the two countries. Defensive realism argues that states' concerns for survival can generate the security dilemma that makes both parties worse off. Offensive realism, on the other hand, emphasizes states' quest for power and influence and how this behavior leads to great power rivalries. The relations between China and Japan exhibit the symptoms identified by both defensive realism and offensive realism. In this context, the seminar will also explore possible strategies to stabilize peace in Northeast Asia.

Speaker Biography: Baohui Zhang is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Lingnan University and director of Centre for Asian Pacific Studies. His research interests include Chinese foreign policy, East Asian international relations, and cross-strait relations.

No registration necessary.

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