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Behavior of a Middle Power During Power Transition in the Asia–Pacific Region

The paper is concerned with relations between middle power and great powers in the Asia–Pacific region. Considering the specific character of the region, it is analyzed Canada’s behavior and foreign policy priorities with regard to China and the United States. Due to analysis of foreign policy models and traditions was possible to identify possible dynamics of the relations between states. For achieving the objective, has been applied method of structural analysis and method of synthesis (generalization). It is concluded that despite China’s rise in the region, Canada is not willing refused a promotion of liberal values and human rights in favor of the economic benefits. It’s suggested a hypothesis that Canada is more likely to assert

again its close and traditional relations with the United States in a period of China's rising. Also, China's integration into international system would strength Canada-US relations and lead to sharing liberal commitments of both nations.

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