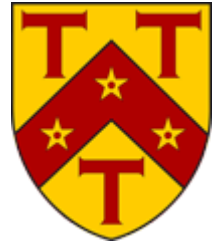


East Asia Seminar Series,
St. Antony's College, University of Oxford



Monday, 27 October

Dahrendorf Room, Founder's Building, St Antony's College,
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'Is the US Intent on Containing China? The Obama Administration's Pivot to Asia Reconsidered'

The Obama administration has launched a series of diplomatic, military and economic initiatives that over time came to shape and define the so-called US "pivot" (or "rebalance") toward the Asia Pacific. After a decade of conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, this policy shift signalled a new direction for US foreign policy in the 21st century. Nonetheless, existing public debates and analyses have so far tended to oversimplify key aspects of the policy. First, they have focused almost exclusively on the military dimension of the rebalance. Secondly, the US rebalance to Asia has often been depicted, in a rather reductive manner, as a US "grand strategy" of military containment of the People's Republic of China (PRC). This presentation aims to counter these misconceptions by bringing to light the breath and complexity of what is a diplomatic, military, and economic repositioning of the United States toward (and within) the Asia Pacific

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