

**MULTIDIMENSIONAL AND MULTILATERAL APPROACH  
TOWARDS NEW REGIONALISM:  
CHINA'S REGIONAL STRATEGY OF COOPERATION  
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## **ABSTRACT**

This study analyses China's regional strategy of cooperation in Northeast Asia. China regards the building up of a comprehensive Northeast Asian cooperation mechanism as a priority of its regional strategy of cooperation, and one of the prerequisites of its peaceful development. The objective of the study is to examine the efficiency of China's regional strategy of cooperation in the process of building up such a comprehensive Northeast Asian regional cooperation mechanism. The assumption of the study is that China successfully invited regional countries to agree to establish a Northeast Asian security mechanism through the Six-Party Talks. China will work together with regional countries to further extend the Northeast Asian security mechanism to a comprehensive regional cooperation mechanism. The comprehensive Northeast Asian cooperation mechanism in turn, will support China's peaceful development, and play a leading role in the East Asian integration process. This research is an empirical study, and a combination of historical, descriptive and analytical methodologies. It mainly based on a qualitative research design to collect both primary and secondary data. The findings of the research are that China's regional strategy of cooperation has made significant contribution to its peaceful development, and to the regional integration process in Northeast Asia and East Asia; the comprehensive Northeast Asian cooperation mechanism and the potential East Asian Community also serve as platforms to support China's peaceful development, and a more unified and prosperous East Asia is changing the international system, and creating a new world order.

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