

External Relations of Myanmar from Post-Coup to Post-Election

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Abstract

The panel examines the strategic rationale behind China-Myanmar relations and how Beijing transforms its engagement with Myanmar across shifting political contexts. It argues that Myanmar remains critical to China's plan to development, particularly in the areas of strategic access, border stability and connectivity under regional initiatives. The discussion traces back to the bilateral relations before the 2021 military coup and highlights the continuity and adaptation in China's engagement with Myanmar.

Domestically, the panel explores the dynamics aftermath of the election and ongoing conflict, shaping the country's external alignments and internal trajectories. It assesses the implications for Myanmar's political future, the constraints as well as possibilities for democratic transition and entrenched military influence. In a nut shell, this panel offers a nuanced understanding of the interplay between external power and internal transformation.