

EDITORIAL

Is the era of geopolitics coming back?

As the pandemic comes to an end, people are witnessing major changes in world politics. The Russian army has threatened to attack Ukraine due to its potential affiliation with NATO. Such a regional crisis is shaking the global strategy of the US focusing on anti-terrorism and recalls the traditional idea of geopolitics. This fundamental shift seems to be the twenty-first century's version of the "Great Game" between the United Kingdom and Russia in the nineteenth century. China is appearing in the current round as a main actor with the Belt and Road Initiative, which is passing through Central Asia and Russia. President Xi Jinping stands against Anglo-American hegemony in favor of the "Chinese Dream." The historical turning point sees President Biden searching for a new grand strategy to counter both China and Russia in the continent.

Volume 8, Number 1 of CHINA AND WTO REVIEW tries to reflect the political changes of the current world. The <Articles> section covers six significant topics: Legal Regulation of China's Cross-border E-Commerce Comprehensive Pilot Areas: A Russian Perspective (Aleksandr P. Alekseenko); Online Dispute Resolution Mechanism in China: Principle of Proceedings and Impact of Technologies (Zhixun Cao); North Korea's Criminal Sanctions to Control Infectious Diseases: Changes in the Age of Covid-19 (Dae Un Hong); Trade Protectionism & China's International Trade Disputes: Renewable Energy Perspectives (Ridoan Karim & Robayet Ferdous Syed & Md. Toriqul Islam); The CPTPP Dispute Settlement Mechanism: Is There a Way out of the WTO Crisis or Is This a New Model? (Dmitry K. Labin & Renata R. Muratova); and The Choice between Might and Right: Rule of Law in International Relations (Wenjun Yan). Professor Stuart Malawer analyzes President Biden's First Year Trade Policies. In <Review Article> section, Zeyu Huang addresses Professor Wei Shen's new book, Decoding Chinese Bilateral Investment Treaties. In <WTO Forum> section, Angela Carpi introduces the Confucius Institute in the University of Bologna. We extend our deepest appreciations to the authors and contributions.

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