

Who are China's strategic economic partners in South America?

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Abstract

Purpose The purpose of this article is to discuss the characteristics of China's strategic partners in Latin America, emphasizing the foreign policy orientations of these nations towards China.

Design/methodology/approach The first part is a theoretical analysis of the foreign economic policy orientations of the Chinese strategic partners in South America. In the second part, attention is paid to the empirical regularities of economic cooperation between China and its South American strategic partners. **Findings** China seeks to diversify the profile of its strategic partnerships, as long as they increase China's complexity in the orientation of cooperation, using a multidimensional approach, based on three strategic cooperation networks (partners based on ideological affinities, geo-economic partners and trade partners). **Originality/value** This article increases the understanding of how new strategic partnerships take a more active position in the new great geo-economic game in which China is involved. China increases its facilitation role in Latin American Pacific rim countries, as well as its influence in countries historically close to the USA.

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