THE INFLUENCE OF DOMESTIC POLITICS ON CROSS STRAIT RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND TAIWAN

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ABSTRACT

The main concern of this paper is to study to what extent domestic factors play a role in influencing cross strait relations. Although the author recognizes that the tripartite relations between China, the US and Japan has contributed to the dynamics of cross strait relations between China and Taiwan, it is interesting to note that in recent years domestic elements have played an increasing role in the relations. The thesis of this paper is that the political leaders in both China and Taiwan have been using the cross strait relations as an instrument for maintaining power and for political survival.
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