

Security, Politics and Economic Integration in Northeast Asia

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Globalisation & Regionalisation

Development of communication technologies

→ Networks of non-state actors, thru which things flow

Frameworks of states, to facilitate or check the flow

They tend to develop in the neighbourhood

Stumbling Blocks: Nationalism & N. Korea

National and local/sectoral interests hinder integration

North Korean nuclear & missile development

→ A huge stumbling block for regional integration

At the same, the crisis can promote cooperation

China's Belt & Road Initiative

The concept: a diplomatic and political genius

The content: projects for profit (beware of unpayable loans)

—Projects are the stars, the concept is a constellation

What matters are the stars that brighten the sky

Japan-China, and the South China Sea

Resilience: economy, non-traditional security, culture

Fragility: security, islands, history, huge perception gap

Key for peace & cooperation: constructing and maintaining a rules-based order — can we do it?