The U.S. Global Strategy and Its Taiwan Policy*

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Abstract

Scholars from different disciplines have been drawn to cross-Strait relations since Tsai Ing-wen's inauguration in 2016. This article looks at U.S. Taiwan policy from the perspective of the world order, and argues that the world order determines U.S. Taiwan policy. Until recently, Taiwan could always provide what the United States needed in shaping and reshaping the world order. However, along with the rise of the Chinese mainland and the transformation of the world order, Taiwan lost its values in serving America's best strategic interests. Based on examining the current world order, this article argues that it is possible that the United States will abandon Taiwan eventually.

Since Tsai Ing-wen's inauguration in 2016, cross-Strait relations have swiftly deteriorated, and uncertainties have begun to haunt the Taiwan Strait again. Scholars have closely observed the DPP's internal and external policies, Beijing's responses and possible initiates, and the U.S. possible role in the cross-Strait relations. This article examines the key moves the United States made in handling the cross-Strait relations and argues that the world order is key to determining the U.S. Taiwan policy.

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