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MIRENO BERRETTINI, Guerra Fredda o transizione egemonica? La diplomazia «atlantica», l'asse Mosca-Pechino e l'alterazione dell'equilibrio strategico

Going beyond the Western-oriented historiographical and political framing of the Cold War, this work identifies a different “genetic reason” of the latter, providing an original general interpretation. Examining the Cold War in a global and long-term perspective, this essay traces back its structural genesis in Asia, and concretely in the Sino-Soviet alliance of 1950. The strategic connection between Moscow and Beijing altered the global strategic balance of power and therefore shattered – at the geopolitical level – the Roosevelt’s Grand Design, thus jamming the “localization mechanisms” of the confrontation between the members of the former Grand Alliance which had worked, albeit imperfectly, until 1949. Focusing on the Asian theater and the multipolar dynamics of the international relations, allows to unravel the concept of Cold War within a broader framework of a centuries-old hegemonic transition, a process in which the international system reorganized itself to cope with the rise of a new center: the “Middle Kingdom”.

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