Is China the Cause of International (Dis)order?

The rise of China has unsettled the “liberal international order” established by the United States and its European partners at the end of World War II. While China is no longer a “revolutionary” power, many believe that it is a “revisionist” power and has set about changing some of the basic principles and norms of the liberal international order. But how should the United States respond? In this talk, Dr. Hyer will sketch in the rise of China and the impact this has had upon the liberal international order and American primacy, and how the United States has responded.

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