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AN UNNATURAL PARTNERSHIP? THE FUTURE OF U.S.-INDIA STRATEGIC COOPERATION

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Across Democratic and Republican administrations, the United States has confronted the rise and growing assertiveness of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) in Asia. Faced with the PRC’s role in Asia and beyond, the United States needs a viable strategic partner to balance the power of the PRC. Given India’s own misgivings about the PRC, it should serve as a natural partner. However, historical, cultural, and structural factors have inhibited the process of strategic cooperation. This monograph identifies the principal hurdles to cooperation and seeks to identify possible pathways toward a possible U.S.-India partnership.

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