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Lo Jung pang argues that during each of the three periods when imperial China embarked on maritime enterprises the Qin and Han dynasties the Sui and early Tang dynasties and Song Yuan and early Ming dynasties coastal states took the initiative at a time when China was divided maritime trade and exploration subsequently peaked when China was strong and unified and declined as Chinese power weakened At such times China s people became absorbed by internal affairs and state policy focused on threats from the north and the west These cycles of maritime activity each lasting roughly five hundred years corresponded with cycles of cohesion and division strength and weakness prosperity and impoverishment expansion and contraction In the early 21st century a strong and outward looking China is again building up its navy and seeking maritime dominance with important implications for trade diplomacy and naval affairs Events will not necessarily follow the same course as in the past but Lo Jung pang s analysis suggests useful questions for the study of events as they unfold and decades to come **China's Rising Sea Power** Peter Howarth,2006-04-18 This is a fascinating insight into China s strategic abilities and ambitions probing the real depths of its plans for the twenty first century China s Rising Sea Power explores similarities between China s strategic outlook today and that of earlier continental powers whose submarine fleets challenged dominant maritime powers for regional hegemony Germany in two World Wars and the Soviet Union during the Cold War Using insights from classical naval strategic theory Peter Howarth examines Beijing s strategic logic in making tactical submarines the keystone of China s naval force structure He also investigates the influence of Soviet naval strategy and ancient Chinese military thought on the PLA Navy s strategic culture contending that China s increasingly capable submarine fleet could play a key role in Beijing s use of force to resolve the Taiwan issue This book will be of great interest to all students and scholars of security and strategic studies Asian politics geopolitics and military naval strategy **Chinese Warfighting: The PLA Experience since 1949** Mark A. Ryan,David M. Finkelstein,Michael A. McDevitt,CNA Corporation,2016-04-29 This is the first systematic study of modern China s military campaigns and the actual fighting conducted by the People s Liberation Army since the founding of the People s Republic It provides a general overview of the evolution of PLA military doctrine and then focuses on major combat episodes from the civil war with the Nationalists to the last significant combat in Vietnam in 1979 in addition to navy and air operations through 1999 In contrast to the many works on the specifics and hardware of China s military modernization this book discusses such topics as military planning command and control fighting and politics combat tactics and performance technological catch up and doctrinal flexibility the role of Mao Zedong scale and typologies of fighting and deterrence The contributors include scholars from Mainland China Taiwan and the United States who draw from a wealth of fresh archival sources *China Goes to Sea* Andrew S. Erickson,Lyle J Goldstein,Carnes Lord,2009-07-01 In modern history China has been primarily a land power dominating

smaller states along its massive continental flanks But China's turn toward the sea is now very much a reality as evident in its stunning rise in global shipbuilding markets its vast and expanding merchant marine the wide offshore reach of its energy and minerals exploration companies its growing fishing fleet and indeed its increasingly modern navy Yet for all these achievements there is still profound skepticism regarding China's potential as a genuine maritime power Beijing must still import the most vital subcomponents for its shipyards maritime governance remains severely bureaucratically challenged and the navy evinces at least as of yet little enthusiasm for significant blue water power projection capabilities This volume provides a truly comprehensive assessment of prospects for China's maritime development by situating these important geostrategic phenomena within a larger world historical context China is hardly the only land power in history to attempt transformation by fostering sea power Many continental powers have elected or been impelled to transform themselves into significant maritime powers in order to safeguard their strategic position or advance their interests We examine cases of attempted transformation from the Persian Empire to the Soviet Union and determine the reasons for their success or failure Too many works on China view the nation in isolation Of course China's history and culture are to some extent exceptional but building intellectual fences actually hinders the effort to understand China's current development trajectory Without underestimating the enduring pull of China's past as it relates to threats to the country's internal stability and its landward borders this comparative study provides reason to believe that China has turned the corner on a genuine maritime transformation If that proves indeed to be the case it would be a remarkable if not singular event in the history of the last two millennia

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centuries What security strategy does China pursue today and how will it evolve in the future The study asserts that Chinese history the behavior of earlier rising powers and the basic structure and logic of international power relations all suggest that although a strong China will likely become more assertive globally this possibility is unlikely to emerge before 2015 2020 at the earliest To handle this situation the study argues that the United States should adopt a policy of realistic engagement with China that combines efforts to pursue cooperation whenever possible to prevent if necessary the acquisition by China of capabilities that would threaten America's core national security interests and to remain prepared to cope with the consequences of a more assertive China *The Chinese Navy: Expanding Capabilities, Evolving Roles* , **Yangtze**

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