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**CHINA AND INDIA IN
AFGHANISTAN: A LONG TERM
STRATEGIC LOSS FOR
AFGHANISTAN OR A WIN-WIN
FOR ALL?**

a talk by

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Are the increasing Chinese and Indian investments in Afghanistan the start of a New Great Game or could Chinese and Indian engagement in Afghanistan result in a win-win for all three countries? Most observers of India's and China's relationship with Afghanistan have analysed the relationships through a strategic lens and as a zero sum game, where Indian assistance and investments have been reported as a loss for China and vice versa. In these analyses, little attention is paid to the impact of both these countries' engagements for Afghanistan. This research will present an overview of both Chinese and Indian investments and foreign assistance to Afghanistan, and argue that increased engagement by both China and India are a win not only for Afghanistan, but ultimately also for China and India.

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