

Coming Soon: Navigating the Nuances of China's Influence in Middle East and North Africa

China's engagement with the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) has sparked a wide range of speculation regarding the nature and extent of China's regional influence. While some argue that China is on the verge of becoming the dominant force in the region, potentially overtaking the United States in influence, others believe its impact is overstated and lacks the depth to drive significant change. Through strategic diplomacy, energy cooperation, trade partnerships and investments, China has expanded its economic footprint and emerged as a notable player in MENA geopolitics.

Our upcoming paper scrutinizes the intricate relationship between China and the MENA countries, aiming to reveal the character of China's regional influence. While China's presence and capabilities in the region are growing, they are not without their limitations. Factors such as mutual dependencies, regional politics, China's strategic priorities, and the sovereign decisions of MENA countries themselves play critical roles in shaping the extent and nature of Chinese influence. Our analysis offers a more balanced view of China's regional clout that neither exaggerates nor underestimates China and its role in the region.

Stay tuned for the publication of our detailed analysis.

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