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This talk provides a broader historical and theoretical context for academic and policy debates on rising powers. It takes the current case of China's rise and the United States' response to it as a primary example, but looks also back to the most recent – albeit often neglected – historical case of an established power 'meeting' a rising power: the United States' response to 'rising Japan' over the 1980s.

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