

As the world changes, so does the role of countries in global politics. One country making significant waves is China, particularly in how it operates within the United Nations (UN).

The Big Question

Our project, "Redefining Multilateralism through Relationality," explores how China's unique way of building relationships is influencing the UN. Unlike Western countries that focus on strict rules and laws, China emphasizes trust and personal connections.

Why It Matters

China's approach could transform the UN from a rule-based organization into a network of bilateral (one-on-one) relationships. This shift could affect how international decisions are made and how countries interact on the global stage.

Key Areas of Study

1. **Discursive power:** Understanding how China uses its influence in the UN through speeches and resolutions.
2. **Relationships:** Examining China's informal meetings and interactions with countries like Thailand, South Africa, Bolivia, and Pakistan.
3. **Economic Tools:** Analyzing how China uses economic incentives and pressures to gain support.

What We Aim to Learn

- Differences between Western and Chinese views of international cooperation.
- Key features of China's diplomacy in the UN.
- How China's strategies impact the UN's functioning.

Why You Should Care

This research helps us understand China's growing role in international relations. It shows the importance of personal relationships and trust in global diplomacy, offering new insights into how international organizations like the UN might evolve.

Spreading the Word

We'll share our findings through seminars, social media, and academic publications to reach a wide audience, including policymakers, scholars, and the general public.

By exploring China's influence in the UN, we gain a clearer picture of the future of international cooperation and the significant role China is playing in shaping it.