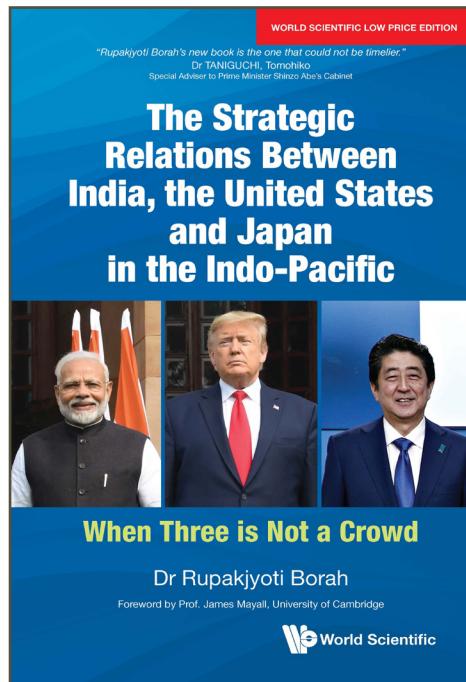


THE STRATEGIC RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA, THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

When Three is Not a Crowd

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ABOUT THE BOOK

This book analyses the growing relationships among India, the United States and Japan in the Indo-Pacific region, which can broadly be defined as the space encompassing both the Indian and the Pacific Oceans, though different nations have their competing visions of its extent. While on the one hand we have an ascendant China in all respects, at the same time, the US has continued interests in maintaining its leadership role in the region and beyond. Washington appears to employ a hub-and-spoke model where its most important ally in the region, Japan, fits in perfectly as a point from which to connect to the rest of the region. However, the critical role will be that of India, which is not an American ally but is key to many American plans in the region. Will India cooperate?

By examining the rapidly-evolving relations among the three countries, this book explores India's position in this region. Crucially, this book will analyse how the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic will upset power relations in the region. It is suitable reading for advanced undergraduate and graduate students, researchers, and practitioners in the fields of international relations, politics, security studies, political science, and geopolitics.

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“The future shape of the order of the Indo-Pacific region depends on how closely India, Japan, and the United States (plus Australia) will gather their forces, ones of defence, economy, intelligence and knowledge, for it is incumbent upon mature maritime democracies to safeguard the rules-based international order across the region and beyond. Rupakjyoti Borah’s new book is the one that could not be timelier. I am certain it will be welcomed by many in Tokyo and Washington, DC, and examined carefully by those in Beijing.”

Dr TANIGUCHI, Tomohiko
Special Adviser to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s Cabinet

“The 21st Century is fraught with surprises, but also it is a time of long-term trends finding space to develop. The dynamic between India, the United States, and Japan is one such trend. Often mentioned in hypothetic or conditional terms, the real economic and security implications of this triad are now coming to light. The cooperative relationship of the key personalities matter, but, as Dr Rupakjyoti Borah argues, the trend will go beyond this immediate period and political administrations. Dr Borah’s thoughtful and insightful analysis will help regional experts and policy officials better understand the significance of this relationship.”

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