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The Rupture

China and the Global Race for the Future

This is the inside story of a revolution in China policy, from Washington to Brussels, Berlin to New Delhi. *The Rupture* explains how so many of the Western politicians, thinkers and business leaders closest to Beijing have transformed into its sharpest opponents; how this collective rethink was dramatically accelerated by the Covid-19 pandemic; and why seemingly obscure debates over 5G technology have become the first test case as to whether the battle for the future may tilt in China's favour.

Noted China expert Andrew Small offers his detailed account of a rivalry that ranges far beyond US-China 'great power' politics. He traces US efforts to recast relations with old allies, as Washington has realised that it cannot confront the Chinese challenge alone; he charts the growth of Europe's role in the technological and economic contest, and Beijing's attempts to build a coalition of its own, from Moscow to Taliban-run Kabul.

The result is a kaleidoscopic picture showing the true significance of the emerging competition between systems and a lucid analysis of how the free-market, liberal-democratic model itself will be transformed—for China's rise will change the balance of ideas as much as it will change the balance of power.



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