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### **The United States and China in a Changing World**



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**Ambani Auditorium (JMHH G06), Jon Huntsman Hall**

Both the world and the United States' role in it have changed profoundly over the last twenty-five years. US thinking about its global role, however, has not kept pace with these changes. Among the most significant developments has been the emergence of China as America's principal strategic rival. In dealing with China, as with other international challenges, the United States has a strong hand to play, but a weak team to play it.

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