

# THE IMPACTS OF AMERICAN PIVOT TO ASIA POLICY ON ASEAN

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## Abstract:

American post-Cold-war foreign policy has always made a number of impacts on world politics. The twenty-first century has witnessed the power shift from the Western world to Asia with the establishment of a variety of regional institutions and cooperation. Consequently, the Obama administration initiated the American pivot to Asia (a.k.a. strategic rebalance policy) as a response to the growing importance of Asia and a commitment to multilateralism and regional security architecture. Up to now, the policy has made certain impacts on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the ASEAN-U.S.-China relations. Accordingly, this paper studies the impacts of American pivot to Asia, assesses the effectiveness of cooperation between ASEAN and the U.S., and evaluates benefits and challenges of ASEAN and their member states. The paper also analyzes the future of ASEAN-U.S. relations and American Asia policy to propose implications for these relations after the pivot in the upcoming period.

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