Opportunities and Disappointments of the “Look North” Policy: Indian Strategies for Central Asia
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A brown bag lunch talk with

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The rise of “regioness” is an important aspect of globalization, implying a potential geopolitical pluralism. Like other emerging powers, India calls into question the “eurocentrism” of international relations and suggests that foreign policy is impacted by the cultures of international actors. It projects its normative power and strategic culture into different regions, including Central Asia. With the expected American withdrawal from Afghanistan, Pakistan’s increasing fragility, and China’s growing power in the post-Soviet space, Central Asia–South Asia relations have become key to understanding the future of the Eurasian continent. But so far India has not been able to achieve the objectives that it defined in its “Look North” policy, caught in a dilemma between its would-be cultural capital and very concrete geopolitical disadvantages.

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