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Almost a decade has elapsed since the outbreak of the international financial crisis, during which the West was trapped in a dilemma unprecedented since the end of the Second World War. The problems facing the West, particularly those of Europe and the US, are fundamental and institutional. A comprehensive and in-depth understanding of the drastic changes in the West may help China stick to its own development path and promote global governance with more self-confidence so as to make more contributions to world peace, stability and development.

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Over the five years between the 18th and 19th National Congress of the CPC, the new generation of Chinese leadership, with Xi Jinping at the core, has proposed a series of ideas, theories, concepts and initiatives, built a whole set of organizational structures and mechanisms, enriched and improved foreign strategic plans, overcome a host of territorial and sovereign difficulties through the construction and use of the Belt and Road Initiative, breathed new life into head of state diplomacy and other diplomatic forms, and formulated China's international strategic thought and structure for the new era.

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From June to July of 2017, the approval rates of the Abe Administration fell sharply, in stark contrast to the long-term stability since 2012. In the context of the temporary stabilization of approval rates, Abe dissolved the House of Representatives ahead of schedule and held a general election, taking full advantage of the internal strife between the opposition parties, to achieve his goal of ruling until the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. His victory in the recent election does not accurately demonstrate that Abe is completely immune to negative impact, thus he will use the Korean Peninsula crisis and other issues to demonstrate his ability of safeguarding Japan's security, and further enhance his

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Though the turn to the right in Latin America will continue over the short term, the left has not diminished and its resurgence remains possible. The political situation in Latin America has undergone dramatic changes since 2015, when an ebbing of the “pink tide” and rise of the right in several countries occurred, coupled with US support to the right. Flexible political strategies and rightists’ political pragmatism are occurring as the continent’s middle class expands, coupled with US support to the right. Some conditions that promote the right’s revival remain operative, but for the new right regimes, addressing economic vitality, the wellbeing of the poor, corruption, and divisions from within are imminent challenges against which a left resurgence has competitive ground.

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Nonproliferation cooperation has always been a bright spot in China-US security cooperation for over more than a decade. China and the U.S. should timely adjust the focus of their nonproliferation cooperation on a more equal basis, expanding common interests and exploring new patterns for cooperation so as to create a model for the two countries to join hands in global governance and maintenance of regional order.

The Prospect of Reform in the Post-crisis Euro Zone

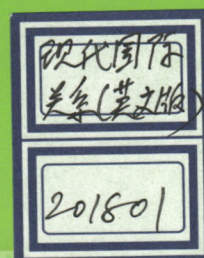
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Since the establishment of the Euro zone, unbalanced economic development has existed among member states, and was a major cause of the debt crisis, posing various challenges to the EU. In response, the EU has realized the problem. Financial reforms, fiscal reforms and related system reforms are being implemented so as to establish a relatively perfect single currency zone and solve the issue of the unbalanced economic development. However, at present, due to imperfections in theory of the single currency zone and due to political, economic as well as social situations in Europe, there are challenges in the reform of the Euro zone.

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Doklam Standoff, a crisis of Sino-Indian bilateral relations, which was mainly caused by the Modi Administration, was a large-scale military deployment between China and India. The crisis reflects the newly forming distrust between the two countries that led to an outburst as a result of a series of conflicts over the past two years, which signifies that Sino-Indian relations are entering a new stage characterized by increasingly obvious structural conflict.



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