


Geopolitical and Geoeconomic Implications of Gwadar Port for Regional Power Dynamics in the Context of BRI

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Abstract

The development of Gwadar Port is a complex issue involving various economic, strategic, and political considerations. While it can potentially transform regional power dynamics and stimulate economic development, it raises several concerns that must be carefully considered and addressed. This research discusses the role of Gwadar Port in successfully implementing BRI and its geopolitical and geoeconomic outcomes for Pakistan, China, BRI participants, and other regional stakeholders. A qualitative research approach analyses data obtained from official reports and government documents. The findings show that Gwadar Port's geopolitical and geoeconomic significance lies in its strategic location, its role in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, its potential as a naval power projection point, and its contribution to trade, connectivity, energy security, and economic development in the region. Moreover, Pakistan is expected to observe a significant rise in maritime trade capacity to support the dwindling economy. Furthermore, naval security will improve by reducing reliance on ports in Karachi near the Indian border.