

Global autocratic collaboration in times of COVID-19: Game changer or business as usual in Sino-Gulf relations?

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There is strong empirical evidence that COVID-19 acts as a booster for processes of global autocratization in which autocratic protagonists present themselves as role models that are more effective in fighting the pandemic than the 'liberal script' of Western societies. This is particularly observable in Sino-Gulf relations that challenges Europe's and Germany's international alliances and partnerships. This project aims at explaining these corridors of autocratic collaboration and at formulating clear-cut policy recommendations how to navigate EU/German relations with the Gulf and China in times of the global pandemic.

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