

China and Russia: Still an Axis of Convenience?

Abstract

Professor Timothy Colton revisits claims made a decade ago that mutual support between China and the Russian Federation was ultimately paper-thin and opportunistic. Despite the personal relationship between Presidents Xi Jinping and Putin, and the opening up of new areas of cooperation and consensus, Professor Colton finds a mixed picture today. He also argues that for a number of reasons uncertainty is growing about the future of the relationship.