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Sommario/riassunto	This book has four main objectives: to bring the thus far almost entirely neglected historical case of 'the rise of Japan' into the literature on power shifts in general and 'the rise of China' in particular; to propose a discourse-based conceptualization of identity for the study of economic policy that engages theoretical and methodological

debates on how to overcome the dichotomy between 'ideational' (identity) and 'material' (economic) factors; to address the tendency to focus on the 'radical Other' in poststructuralist IR scholarship, by highlighting how heterogeneity disturbs exclusive and binary articulations of identity and difference; and to propose a method for putting political discourse theory (PDT) into practice in empirical research by drawing on rhetorical political analysis (RPA). US congressional debates on economic policy on Japan and China in 1985–2008 are analysed as examples of official US elite public discourse. The book shows that the 'new era' in US-Chinese relations that scholars and policymakers have been announcing since the beginning of the Trump presidency was long in the making, as it rests on longstanding discourses on the USA's main economic competitor. Nicola Nymalm is an Assistant Professor in War Studies at the Swedish Defence University and an Associate Research Fellow at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI) and the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA). Her previous work has appeared in journals such as *International Political Sociology*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of International Relations and Development* and *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*.
