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analyze domestic debates and discourse on nuclear energy, nuclear

security and nuclear non-proliferation in China, India, Japan, Pakistan, South Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). They explore what drives the debates and how decisions are framed; what the interplay is between domestic dynamics and geopolitical calculations in the discourse; where the center of gravity of debates lies; and what this means for regional cooperation or competition, and U.S. nuclear policy in Asia. This book finds that despite the increasing geopolitical competition in Asia, the center of gravity of debates on nuclear weapons and energy is trending toward pragmatic Realist-Globalist perspectives, from more unstable Nationalist-Realist outlooks. Nuclear weapons discourse shows surprising continuity favoring non-provocative postures under strong civilian control. We find lower than expected salience for energy security arguments and higher than expected challenges in the popular arena to nuclear energy"--