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## Chinese Perceptions of Japanese Foreign Policy since 2012

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***All are Welcome!!***

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### Abstract

The “nationalization” of the Senkaku islands in September 2012 resulted in increased tension between Japan and China. A direct consequence of the nationalization was that Japanese trade and investment in China was affected with localized violence, vandalism, boycotts of Japanese products and short-term closure of Japanese businesses. PM Abe’s visit to Yasukuni Shrine in December 2013, his views on Japan’s wartime history and his proactive pacifism can be said to have worsened relations. In the wake of worsening relations and considering the importance of Japan-China politics, economic and security relations for the region and global economy, it is important to have a good understanding of perceptions about Japan by her Chinese counterparts. This has become more difficult in light of growing anti-Japanese sentiment, nationalism and continuing disputes over the Senkaku islands. (Genron,2014) Chinese perceptions of Japan’s foreign policy under PM Abe since 2012 and their implications for rapprochement between Japan and China will be examined. As part of this objective, how Chinese scholars view Japan’s proactive pacifism will be investigated. How do Chinese scholars interpret Japan’s strengthening alliance with the US? How do Chinese scholars interpret Japan’s cooperation with Southeast Asia nations in the South China Sea? How do Chinese scholars view change and or reinterpretation of the Japanese constitution?

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