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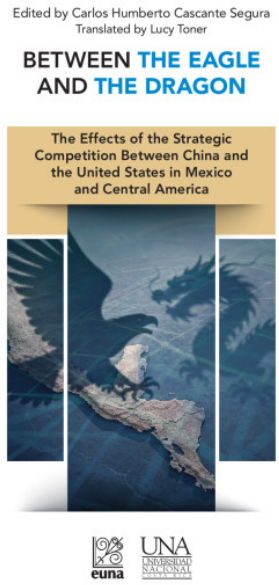
The Effects of the Strategic Competition Between China and the United States in Mexico and Central America

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Sinopsis

Between the Eagle and the Dragon offers an in-depth exploration of the strategic rivalry between the United States and China, focusing specifically on Mexico and Central America. Leveraging perspectives from international relations and international political economy, the book contends that this region—historically situated within the U.S. sphere of influence—has increasingly become a stage for heightened geopolitical competition as China expands its economic, technological, and diplomatic footprint.Through detailed country case studies, the volume examines how this rivalry manifests across critical sectors, including trade, infrastructure, technology, diplomatic recognition, and security. The book concludes that while alignment with the United States remains the dominant approach, Mexico and Central American nations are increasingly adopting nuanced, hybrid strategies that aim for greater autonomy amid intensifying global competition.



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