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China and India: A tale of two superpowers

China and India have long aspired to superpower status, not just within Asia but on a global scale as well, and yet the two countries could not be more different in both their path to get there and their vision of what to do once they have arrived. This course will examine both countries in great detail—not just in terms of geopolitics but also in terms of cultural, social, and economic change—both on their own terms and in comparative perspective. What does their rise mean for the rest of Asia? for the United States? And will this continue to be a superpower rivalry or is there any prospect of cooperation and collaboration between the two? We'll answer those questions and so much more as we explore both of these dynamic and fascinating countries.

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India: politics, economy, and current challenges

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China: history, society, and culture

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