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A Partnership for Disorder examines American–Chinese foreign policy planning during World War II for decolonizing the Japanese Empire and controlling Japan after the war. This study unravels some of the complex origins of the postwar upheavals in Asia by demonstrating how the disagreements between the United States and China on many concrete issues prevented their governments from forging an effective partnership. The disagreements stemmed from the two countries' different geostrategic positions, power status, domestic conditions, and historical experiences in international affairs; the results were divergent policies concerning the disposition of Japan. The two powers' quest for a long-term partnership was further complicated by Moscow's eleventh-hour involvement in the Pacific war.

By the war's end, a triangular relationship among Washington, Moscow, and Chongqing surfaced from secret negotiations at Yalta and Moscow. Yet the Yalta–Moscow system in Asia proved too ambiguous and fragile to be useful even for the purpose of defining a new balance of power among the Allies. The conclusion of World War II found the victorious Allies neither in cooperation among themselves nor in a position to cope with the turmoil in Asia.

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In this study, I use *pinyin* to romanize Chinese names and titles of Chinese materials. But there are exceptions: (1) some Chinese names, such as Sun Yat-sen, Chiang Kai-shek, T. V. Soong, and Wellington Koo, have already become part of the historical literature in Western languages, and thus their Wade–Giles forms are kept here as well; (2) Chinese sources cited in this study that are housed in institutions in the United States are listed in Wade–Giles as they are by their depositories; and (3) geographical names of historical places that no longer exist appear in their original forms (for instance, Jehol but not Rehe). Otherwise, names of places on the Chinese mainland are in *pinyin*, but those in Taiwan in Wade–Giles.

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CCP	Chinese Communist Party
CPPC	<i>Complete Presidential Press Conferences of Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1933–1945</i>
CSYZ	<i>Xian Zongtong Chiang Gong Sixiang Yanlun Zongji</i> (Complete Works of the Late President Chiang)
CZM	<i>Chiang Zongtong Milu</i> (Secret Records of President Chiang)
DELD	Zhongguo Di Er Lishi Dang'anguan (Second Historical Archives of China, Nanjing, China)
FRUS	<i>Foreign Relations of the United States: Diplomatic Papers</i>
GRCE	General Records of Chungking [Chongqing] Embassy, China, 1943–1945
GW	<i>Geming Wenxian</i> (Revolutionary Documents)
HDYS	<i>Guomin Zhengfu yu Hanguo Duli Yundong Shiliao</i> (Historical Records on the Nationalist Government and the Korean Independence Movement)
HHP	Harry L. Hopkins Papers
HSD	Henry L. Stimson Diaries
HSP	Hsiung Shih-hui (Xiong Shihui) Papers
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff (United States)
JSP	Joseph W. Stilwell Papers
KMT	Kuomintang (National People's Party)
KPG	Korean Provisional Government
LCP	Lauchlin Currie Papers
OJ	<i>The Occupation of Japan: U.S. Planning Documents, 1942–1945</i>
OSSR	O.S.S./State Department Intelligence and Research Reports
PRC	Institute of Pacific Relations Collections
RC	Research Committee on Postwar International Peace Organization (China)

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<i>RCT</i>	Records of the China Theatre of Operations, United States Army (CT): Records of the Office of the Commanding General (Albert C. Wedemeyer)
<i>RDCA</i>	Records of Division of China Affairs, U.S. Department of State
<i>RHN</i>	Records of Harley A. Notter
<i>RJCS</i>	Records of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
<i>RLP</i>	Records of the Special Assistant to the Secretary of State (Leo Pasvolsky)
<i>RPMF</i>	Franklin D. Roosevelt Papers: Map Room File
<i>RPOF</i>	Franklin D. Roosevelt Papers: Official File
<i>RPPF</i>	Franklin D. Roosevelt Papers: President's Personal File
<i>RPSF</i>	Franklin D. Roosevelt Papers: President's Secretary's File
<i>RWK</i>	Reminiscences of V. K. Wellington Koo (Gu Weijun)
<i>SAI</i>	<i>Studies of American Interests in War and Peace</i> (Memoranda of the Council on Foreign Relations)
<i>SHP</i>	Stanley Hornbeck Papers
<i>SWNCC</i>	State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee
<i>SWNCCF</i>	State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee Policy Files, 1944-1947
<i>TG</i>	<i>Taiwan Guangfu he Guangfu hou Wu Nian Shengqing</i> (Restoration of Taiwan and the Situation in the Province During the first Five Years)
<i>TRA</i>	Taiwanese Revolutionary Alliance
<i>TSGR</i>	Top Secret General Records of the Chongqing Embassy, China, 1945
<i>TSP</i>	T. V. Soong (Song Ziwen) Papers
<i>VHP</i>	Victor Chi-ts'ai Hoo (Hu Shize) Papers
<i>WKP</i>	V. K. Wellington Koo (Gu Weijun) Papers
<i>ZRWJ</i>	<i>Zhong Ri Waijiao Shiliao Congbian</i> (Historical Records on Sino-Japanese Diplomatic Relations)
<i>ZZSC</i>	<i>Zhonghua Minguo Zhongyao Shiliao Chubian - Dui Ri Kangzhan Shiqi</i> (Preliminary Compilation of Important Historical Records of the Republic of China: The Period of the War of Resistance against Japan)
<i>ZW</i>	<i>Zhuanji Wenxue</i> (Biographical Literature)

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