The book explores the proactive and reactive features of China’s and India’s domestic and foreign policies to address two intertwined challenges: first, China and India have taken policy measures that accord with their own domestic priorities; second, both countries have had to alter the trajectory of their proactive policy measures as a result of external pressures. The book argues that China’s and India’s proactive and reactive policy measures to address energy insecurity and climate change have been shaped by their two-level pressures. At the domestic/unit level, both countries have had to sustain fast economic growth and eradicate poverty, in order to maximize their economic wealth. At the international/systemic level, both countries have sought to enhance their great-power status in the international system, which is characterized not only by asymmetrical interdependence, but also by global governance in general, and global energy and climate governance in particular.

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