

SHOULD WE FEAR CHINA?

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Abstract: *The People's Republic of China is, without doubt, the country with the most interesting evolution in the history of mankind. Its rise and expansion, on all levels, worldwide, no longer surprises anyone. China, with a large continental and oceanic territory (third after Russia and Canada), with significant natural resources and a population exceeding 1.4 billion (almost 19% of the Earth's population), through its economic development, ending up owning 16.5% of the world economy¹ has become the second economic power of the world and the third military power of nowadays, which allows it to defend its interests in its area of influence. Moreover, if it continues at the current pace, the sustained economic development of the People's Republic of China will make it reach the first place in the world economy in the medium term.*

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Introuction

The World War II, the most destructive of all, hit in the most damaging way the countries of Europe, Far East and Extreme East. The Western Europe recovered relatively quickly with the not so disinterested support from United States, while China and Japan recovered on their own. First, the *Japanese miracle*² happened, then the rise of the People's Republic of China (PRC), that led to the expression *the yellow danger*. In

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¹ Analiza agendei – 26, „Cum să privim China – I”, *TRT România*, available at <https://www.trt.net.tr/romana/programe/2019/06/25/cum-sa-privim-china-i-1225128>, accessed on 19.12.2019.

² Corina Chiriakov, „Miracolul economic japonez”, în *Scrib*, available at <https://ro.scribd.com › doc › miracol-economic-japonez>, accessed on 22.12.2019.