TPP versus ECFA: Similarities, Differences, and China’s Strategies*

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Abstract

This article analyzes the development of cross-strait economy in the international political and economic contexts. It explores how the fact that the United States promotes the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) would affect the Mainland–Taiwan Economic Cooperative Framework Agreement (ECFA). It explores the similarities and differences between the TPP and the ECFA, probes the possible impacts that the TPP may have on the ECFA, and proposes strategies for China from three perspectives: developing the ECFA energetically, dealing with Taiwan investment diversion, and being open to exploring a legal channel to connect the cross-strait economy with the TPP.

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