



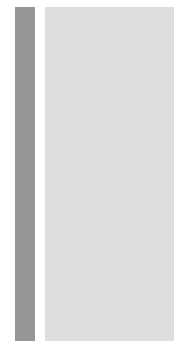
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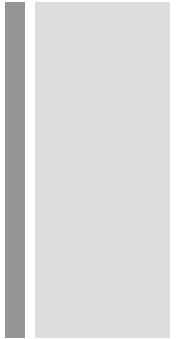
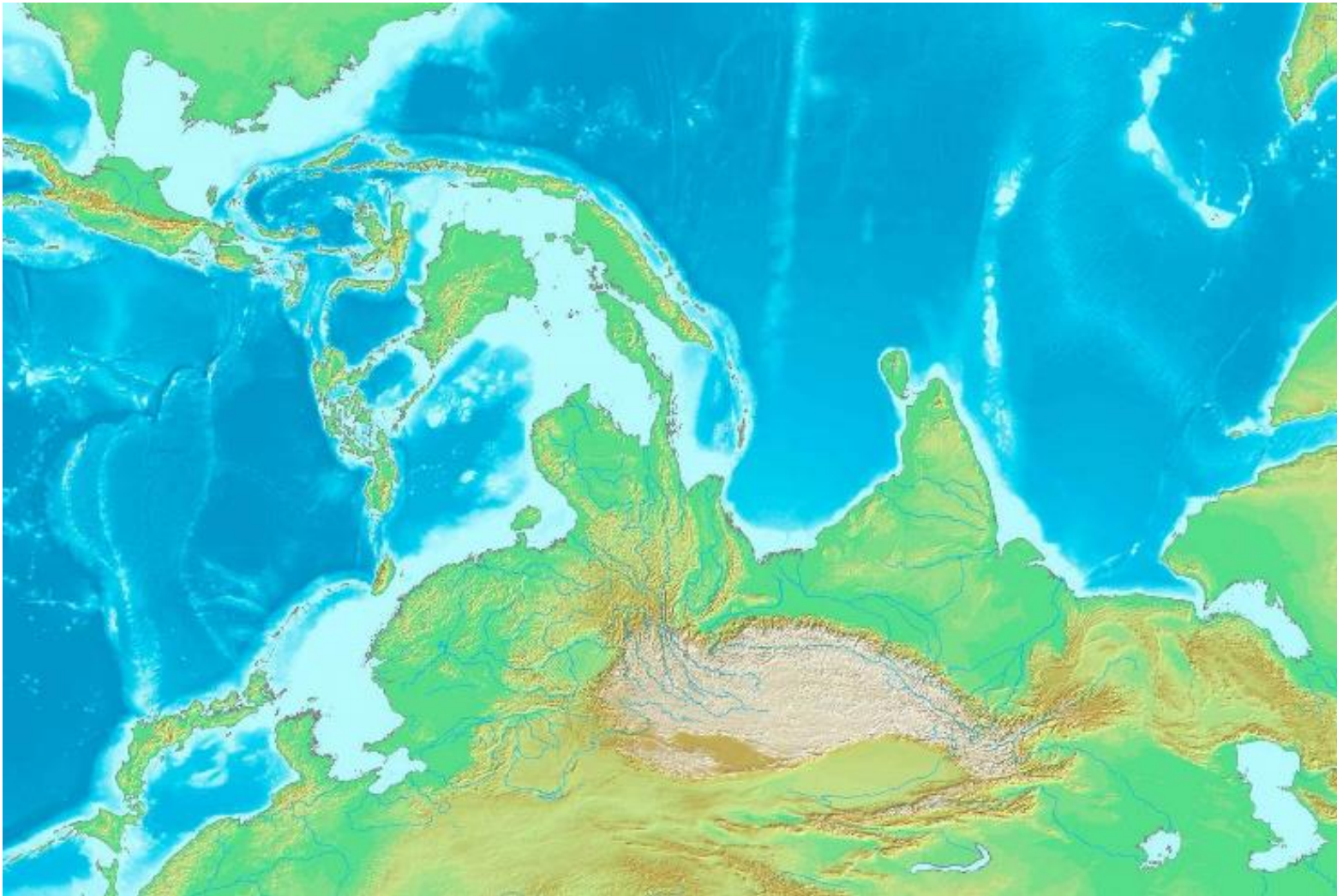
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1. India's strategic DNA
2. India's perspectives on the China threat
3. India's approach to Southeast Asia
4. India's strategic interests in the South China Sea
5. India's involvement in the South China Sea dispute
6. Conclusions on India's approach





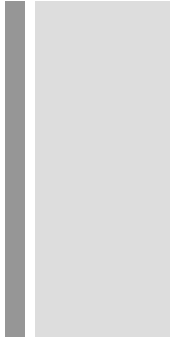
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4. India's strategic interests in the South China Sea
 - Freedom of Navigation
 - Uphold International Rules Based Order
 - Maintain Regional Balance of Power
 - Support for China's Neighbours (tit for tat)
 - SCS as staging point for Indian Ocean
 - Oil exploration interests





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5. India's involvement in the South China Sea dispute
 - Limited naval presence
 - FONOPs
 - 2016 Arbitral Award
 - Rhetorical support for UNCLOS
 - Bilateral defence relationships in Southeast Asia
 - Defence technology

