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The Changing Relationship between Mainland China and Taiwan in Light of the World Trade Organization

Abstract:

The China - Taiwan relationship has never been without difficulty, especially from the political realm. The political conflict between two territories that connect to Taiwan Strait has been in existence for decades and the problems between them remain unsolved. However from the late 1980s when Taiwan and China mainland, established a close economic relationship, this bond has been strengthened Continually. Respectively although some political turbulence survives, significant improvements in trade across the Strait have been observed following China's and Taiwan's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 2001 and in 2002. The question of Whether this cross-strait relationship can benefit from the WTO bilateral agreement, or from any proposed peaceful framework agreement (eg the assigned ECFA in 2010), and the question of to what extent tested benefit can be stretched, are expected to be investigated. This study will attempt to answer examination questions by analyzing the current situation of the China - Taiwan relationship and by investigating the variants that are crucial and important determinants for a healthy cross-Strait relationship, by a comparative analysis based on the EU model, The Possibility of the creation of a united economic community centered around mainland China.