



ABSTRACT

This paper analyzes the political and economic rationale behind China's foreign cooperation in the nuclear energy industry. Primarily, this paper argued that China's nuclear energy diplomacy retains close linkage with the domestic policy, as an essential measure to achieve energy security, while considering that the conduct also has its influences towards Beijing's foreign policy, as a measure of constructing a hegemonic image. In doing so, the paper further utilizes the conceptual frameworks of energy security, economic diplomacy and "Responsible Great Power". The concepts would stand as the basis for the policy analysis and observation of evidence that supports the aforementioned arguments. This paper is divided into four chapters. Chapter I provides the introduction to the research. Chapter II assesses the domestic consequences of China's nuclear energy diplomacy. Chapter III analyzes the influence of nuclear energy towards Beijing's foreign policy agenda. This paper will be concluded in Chapter IV.