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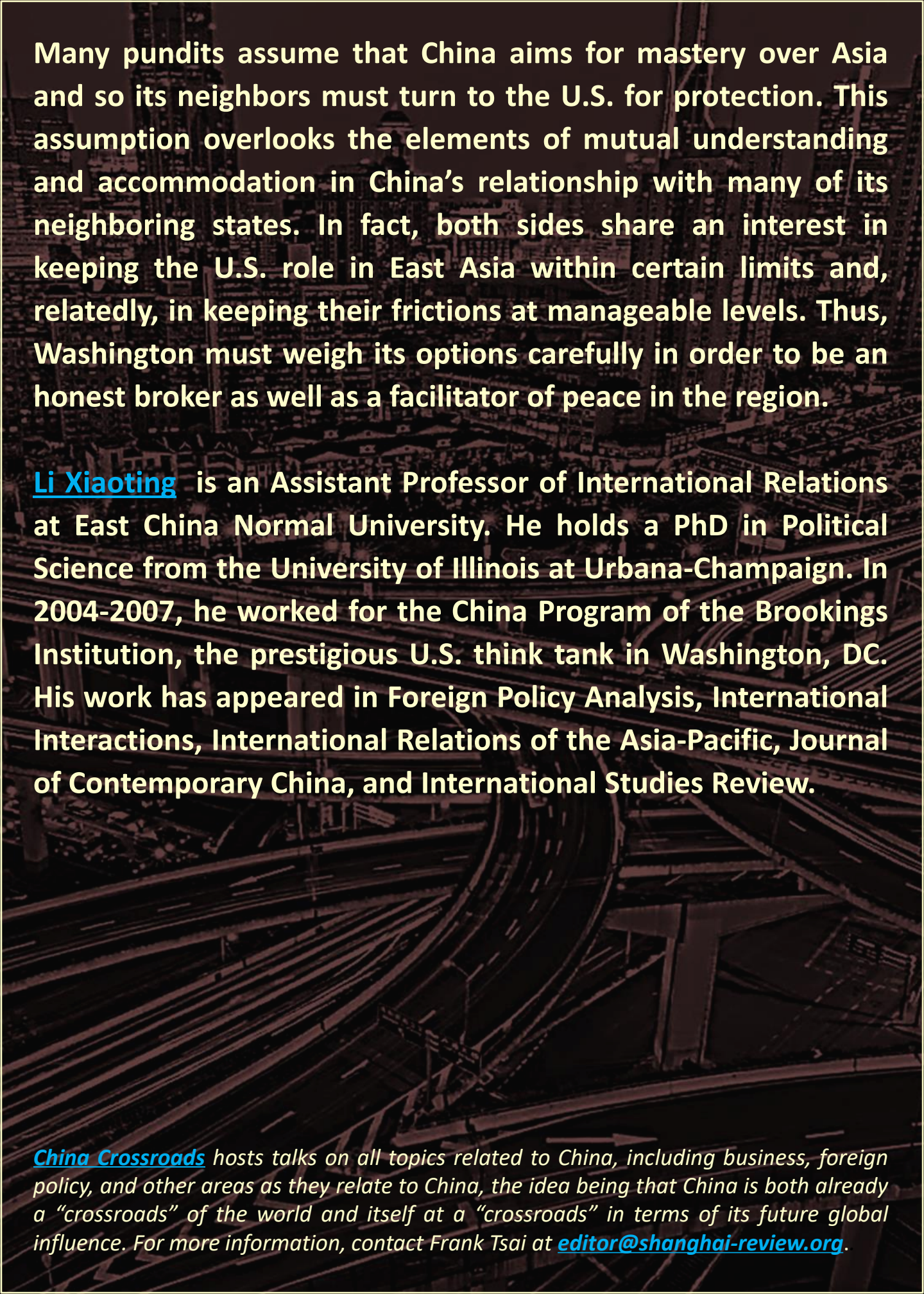
Geopolitics of China and the U.S. in East Asian Regional Relations

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Many pundits assume that China aims for mastery over Asia and so its neighbors must turn to the U.S. for protection. This assumption overlooks the elements of mutual understanding and accommodation in China's relationship with many of its neighboring states. In fact, both sides share an interest in keeping the U.S. role in East Asia within certain limits and, relatedly, in keeping their frictions at manageable levels. Thus, Washington must weigh its options carefully in order to be an honest broker as well as a facilitator of peace in the region.

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