

in and understanding of environmental stress-national security issues is an appropriate starting point. In 1997, Canada will host the Leaders' summit of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum. This could provide an opportunity to raise the theme of environmental stress-national security in the Asia-Pacific region. Yet there should be no illusion about Canada's or even the West's capacity to influence the evolution of China. The process in China can be influenced by outsiders, but largely at the margins.