FOREWORD

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Dr. W. P. S. Sidhu and Dr. Jing-dong Yuan have produced a timely and important work on strategic relations between China and India since the May 1998 nuclear tests in South Asia. How these two emerging great powers manage their cooperation and competition in the coming years will have a major impact on regional security, great power alignments, and progress on global arms control and nonproliferation. This book, based on the authors' extensive research in India and China, presents unique perspectives from New Delhi and Beijing on their bilateral relationship, their respective relationships with the United States, and regional and global issues. The authors' work advances the existing literature by moving beyond traditional Western perspectives to focus on how Indian and Chinese analysts see their evolving strategic relationship. The book is persuasive and balanced in its argumentation, reflects solid research, and has important policy implications.

Dr. Sidhu and Dr. Yuan are part of a younger generation of scholars who combine Asian cultural and linguistic backgrounds with rigorous academic training in Europe and North America. Their particular strength stems from a unique combination of area expertise and an in-depth knowledge of security, arms control, and nonproliferation issues through years of research, fieldwork, and writing. In this respect, they are well positioned to apply their deep understanding of Indian and Chinese strategic culture, domestic policymaking, and superb command of the Indian and Chinese literature to the analysis of a dynamic and evolving relationship that will be critical for regional stability and global security in the twenty-first century.

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The Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) is pleased to have been able to support and facilitate this important work. Dr. Yuan is a senior member of the CNS East Asia Nonproliferation Program. His contributions to this study illustrate the center's traditional strengths in East Asia and South Asia that have produced a number of important and policy-relevant articles and reports on regional security, arms control, and nonproliferation issues. As the security situation in Asia continues to evolve in the aftermath of the 11 September 2001 attacks and ongoing antiterrorism campaigns, the relevance of this work will only increase.

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