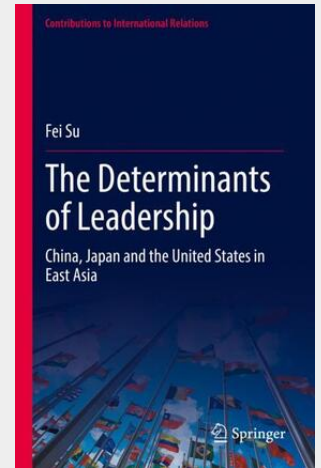


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China, Japan and the United States in East Asia

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