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**CHINA AND GEORGIA INDIFFERENT ABOUT EACH OTHER - NEW PAPER**

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China's inroads into Georgia are much less significant than often portrayed, argues a longtime Caucasus watcher, despite a landmark free trade agreement signed four years ago.

The relationship itself does not seem to be a strategic priority for either country, writes Thomas de Waal in a chapter about Georgia for a new Carnegie Endowment report on Chinese influence in Eastern Europe.

Georgians are more disappointed than enthusiastic about the relationship. For China, Georgia is ultimately not a country of strategic importance.

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