Technological War between the US and China: A Study of a Small State's Response

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This study examines the responsive situation of a small state, Sri Lanka, in the context of the US and China power conflict. The study analyzes the situation through an offshoot of the realist theory; the Strategic Triad, because the study has revolved mainly around the power-struggle of three states: the US, China and Sri Lanka. The study is based on secondary data analyzed though the method of textual analysis by the software tool "QDA Miner Lite". The study also examined diplomatic documents and speeches on the tech war through the textual analysis software. The research has found that the superpower states such as the US and China use technology as a tool to win the power struggle and associated gains. This technological war and power struggle between superpowers put small states in a more oppressed and unfavorable situation in which they are compelled to choose a side to survive, which highlights the anarchical environment of international society.

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