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THE REVOLVING DOOR: AN EXAMINATION OF SINO-U.S. TRADE TREATIES AFTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE U.S. OPEN DOOR POLICY

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Beginning in 1900 with the implementation of the United States Open Door policy, economic relations with China and the United States grew dramatically. This policy was originally intended to sustain territorial and political rights within China; however, after its implementation the Open Door policy became the justification for all foreign interests within China. This presentation will examine how the Open Door Policy became so concrete in the foreign policies of the United States and China until Chinese independence in 1949.