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**Im Schatten Moskaus: Die ungarisch-chinesischen Handelsbeziehungen während des Kalten Krieges**

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**Abstract**

The room for manoeuvre of the Eastern European states that became part of the Soviet sphere of interest after the Second World War and by 1948-49 had become fully Sovietized was basically defined in Moscow. This dependence on the imperial centre functioned most efficiently in foreign and defence policy, but it also influenced economic and trade activities. Whereas the new Hungarian leadership considered China as the empire of opportunities, the level of bilateral relations had always lagged behind expectations. What was the reason for this mismatch between prospects and realities? How did the development of Sino-Soviet relations and the Soviet intention to control the East European satellites influence the possibilities for bilateral economic trade, the amount of turnover and the commodity composition of bilateral trade? To what extent could Hungarian economic policies promote specifically Hungarian interests? Although relevant Chinese archival materials have never been released, this study attempts to answer these questions on the basis of Hungarian foreign ministry and party documents.

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