

Review of: "Chaos Paradigm in International Law: Embracing Non-Linearity in an Anarchical World"

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This is a clearly written, effectively structured, generally informative, analytically satisfactory, and quite interesting paper that possesses some new features justifying publication in its current form.

That said, its quality could be enhanced by taking the following steps:

1. Offer a more adequate account of the putative differences between the post-1945 20th century (cold war, Cuban missile crisis, Korean War, Vietnam War, etc.), let alone the pre-1945 segment, and the 21st century.
2. Explain more precisely how this paper contributes to the already substantial literature on the applications of chaos theory to international relations and the modest literature on its applications to international law.
3. Highlight in a counterfactual fashion the limitations of this theory as an analytical device in such contexts (e.g., see Yaya Misadowski, *The Myth of Global Chaos*, Brookings Institution Press).
4. Given the reliance on case study methodology, ground the discussion more firmly in the literature on the systematic uses of the case study technique in international legal research (see Katarina Linos, *How to Select and Develop International Law Case Studies: Lessons from Comparative Law and Comparative Politics*, 109 *American Journal of International Law* and Roda Mushkat, *The Case for the Case Study Method in International Legal Research*, 42 *Journal of Juridical Science*).
5. The construction or reconstruction of the evolution of Chinese foreign policy and perspective on international relations, which is overly simplistic and the weakest part of the paper, needs to be made more broad-based, multifaceted, and reflective of alternative/different interpretations, at least in the form of a brief section before the conclusion (e.g., see Gerald Chan, *Chinese Perspectives on International Relations: A Framework for Analysis*, Palgrave MacMillan; Pamela Kyle Crossley, *Xi's China Is Steamrolling Its Own History*, <https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/01/29/xis-china-is-steamrolling-its-own-history/>; Roda Mushkat, *Conceptions of Sovereignty and Identity Economics: A Chinese-Based Exploration*, 4 *International Journal of Public Law and Policy*; Nicholas Ross Smith and Tracey Fallon, *How the CCP Uses History*, <https://thediplomat.com/2021/07/how-the-ccp-uses-history/>; Bradley Thayer and Lianchao Han, *The 'Xi Doctrine': Proclaiming and Rationalizing China's Aggression*, <https://nationalinterest.org/feature/%E2%80%98xi-doctrine%E2%80%99-proclaiming-and-rationalizing-china%E2%80%99s-aggression-62402>; *The Economist*, *By Falsifying History, China's Leaders Risk Repeating Past Mistakes*, https://www.economist.com/leaders/2021/11/04/by-falsifying-history-chinas-leaders-risk-repeating-past-mistakes?utm_medium=cpc.adword.pd&utm_source=google&ppccampaignID=21228634515&ppcadID=&utm_campaign=a.22brand_pmax&utm_content=conversion.direct-response.anonymous&gad_source=5&qclid=EAlaIqobChMI2L-Qx6CcigMV824PAh2eaQ09EAAYASAAEgJGI_D_BwE&qclsrc=aw.ds).