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Abstract: Disagreements over the identity of the ancient kingdom of Koguryô/Gaogouli have been the subject of considerable attention in Northeast Asia in the past decade. While both official and street protests in Korea have been the subject of media reports, does this dispute over history really matter? How has the dispute influenced relations between China and the two Koreas? What is, at the end of the day, being disputed? This presentation seeks to shed light on both the historical events under dispute and the ways in which they are used and interpreted in contemporary Northeast Asia.

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