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**Brain Drain or Brain Gain: A Growing Trend of Chinese International Students Returning Home for Development**

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In view of the growing complexity closely related to how international politics affecting international learning and student mobility, there is a reverse trend of Chinese international students choosing to return to China in recent years against the worsening relations between China and some major powers in the West. This paper sets out against the broader political economy context to examine the intentions of Chinese high-level talents graduating from major universities overseas to return to mainland China to pursue their career development. Analyzing the major survey data generated from a research project conducted by Peking University, this paper discusses policy implications for talent attraction and retention for the Greater Bay Area in South China.

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