

# SEMINAR

## The Rise of the Chinese Communist Party

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### ABSTRACT:

Using various measures – cadres, martyr soldiers, and guerrilla bases – as proxies for the rise of the Chinese Communist Party during the Sino-Japanese War, we find that it grew significantly more in counties occupied by the Japanese Army. We identify three channels behind the CCP's political ascendancy. First, the Communists took advantage of the militarily weaker "puppet troops". Second, they built more grassroots organizations to mobilize support. Last, support for the CCP was powered by a nationalist sentiment spurred by war suffering of various kinds. Additionally, war-induced nationalism is more evident today in counties formerly occupied by the Japanese.

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