

The Past, Present and Future of African-Asian Relations

International conference, University of Neuchâtel (Switzerland), April 25-27, 2019

Preliminary program

Thursday, April 25, 2019

12:00	<i>Registration</i>
13:30	Opening and welcome addresses Christian Suter (University of Neuchâtel, Swiss Sociological Association) Daniel Künzler (University of Fribourg, Swiss Society for African Studies)
14:15	Keynote 1: Ching Kwan Lee (University of California at Los Angeles) The Specter of Global China: Politics, Labor and Foreign Investment in Africa
15:00	Workshop Session 1: Current economic relations between Asia and Africa (Part 1) Patricia Agupusi (Brown University): Chinese Economic Engagement in Africa: A closer Looking in Private Cooperation in Mining Boma Chizea (University Ekpoma): China-Nigeria Relations: The Impact of Chinese Economic Activities on Nigeria's Textile Industry Guive Khan-Mohammad (University of Geneva): The Arrival of "Made in China" in Burkina Faso: An African Transnational Traders' History Hammache Souria & Amziane Louisa (University Mouloud Mammeri of Tizi Ouzou): Empirical Analysis of China Investment in Africa: Case of Algeria (tbc)
16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
17:00	Workshop Session 2: Current economic relations between Asia and Africa (Part 2) (two parallel sessions) Fabrice Onana Ntsa (University of Yaoundé I): The Chinese Trade in African Towns: the Case of Yaoundé in Cameroon, from 1971 to 2011 (tbc) Naaborle Sackeyfio (Miami University of Ohio): The Perils of China's Silk Road for a Pax Africana Harold Kerbo (California Polytechnic State University): Prospects for Economic Development and Poverty Reduction in Post-Colonial Nations: Lessons for Sub Saharan Africa from Southeast Asia Steven Andrew Mejia (University of California): The Effects of Global Integration on Poverty Levels in Africa, and Asia: A Cross-National Analysis, 1990-2012
18:30	Keynote 2: Philippe Beaujard (Institut des mondes africains-IMAF, Paris) Exchanges between East Africa and Asia between the 1st and the 15th Century
19.30	<i>Reception</i>

Friday, April 26, 2019

09:00	Keynote 3: Andreas Fuchs (Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg / Kiel Institute for the World Economy) China's Development Aid to Africa and its Consequences Keynote 4: Christopher Alden (London School of Economics and Political Science) China and Africa: A World after its own Image?			
10:30	Coffee break			
11:00	Workshop Session 3: Chinese foreign policy and development cooperation (part 1) Clayton Hazvinei Vhumbunu (University of KwaZulu-Natal): Conceptualizing China's BRI Public Diplomacy Towards Africa W. Travis Selmier II (Indiana University): Africa and China: Still Geographically Distant, Yet Increasingly Linked through the Belt and Road Initiative Georg Lammich (University Duisburg-Essen): The Regional Dimension of Sino-African Development Cooperation			
12:30	Lunch break			
14:00	Workshop Session 4: Chinese foreign policy and development cooperation (part 2) (two parallel sessions) <table><tr><td>Pratyusha Basu (University of Texas-El Paso) and Milena U. Janiec (United States Geological Survey): Geopolitics of Connectivity: Analyzing China's Construction of Railways in Kenya Erik Beuck (Leiden University): Impact of BRI in Kenya Economic Strength or Economic Weakness? The Impact of China's One Belt, One Road Initiative in Kenya Ebi Filomène N'godo (University Félix Houphouët-Boigny): The Revitalisation of China and Ivory Coast Cooperation: From 1994 to 2013</td><td>Yorbana Seign-Goura (University of Neuchâtel): Chinese financed and built Infrastructures in Central African Countries between State Power Symbols and Necessity for Development Eve Nyemba (University of Johannesburg): The Implications of Zimbabwe's Re-engagement Policy on its Bilateral Relations with China Youcef Hamitouche (University Algiers 3): China's Relations with Algeria and Morocco: From Revolutionary Ideology to a Win-Win Relations</td></tr></table>		Pratyusha Basu (University of Texas-El Paso) and Milena U. Janiec (United States Geological Survey): Geopolitics of Connectivity: Analyzing China's Construction of Railways in Kenya Erik Beuck (Leiden University): Impact of BRI in Kenya Economic Strength or Economic Weakness? The Impact of China's One Belt, One Road Initiative in Kenya Ebi Filomène N'godo (University Félix Houphouët-Boigny): The Revitalisation of China and Ivory Coast Cooperation: From 1994 to 2013	Yorbana Seign-Goura (University of Neuchâtel): Chinese financed and built Infrastructures in Central African Countries between State Power Symbols and Necessity for Development Eve Nyemba (University of Johannesburg): The Implications of Zimbabwe's Re-engagement Policy on its Bilateral Relations with China Youcef Hamitouche (University Algiers 3): China's Relations with Algeria and Morocco: From Revolutionary Ideology to a Win-Win Relations
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15:30	Coffee break			
16:00	Workshop Session 5: African-Asian transnational networks and multi-sited research Lesley Nicole Braun (University of Basel): Congolese Women's Chinese Cargo: Networks of Transaction between Congo and China Agathe Schwaar (Graduate Institute Geneva): "Having an Edge on the Others": The Importance of Social and Cultural Capital through International Education Sarah Hanisch (University of Cologne): Re-thinking Social Mobility: Looking at Migration to Africa from the Perspective of Migrant Children			
19:00	Conference dinner			



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Saturday, April 27, 2019

9:15	Workshop Session 6: Two parallel sessions	
	Migrants and minorities 1	Foreign policy and development cooperation from other Asian countries 1
	Zai Liang & Bo Zhou (State University of New York): Africans in China: The Role of Religion in the Process of Social and Economic Integration and Implications for Immigration Policy	Veda Vaidyanathan (Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi): Reimagining Engagement and Realizing Priorities: How India and China are Informing the African Growth Story
	Kudus Oluwatoyin Adebayo (Ibadan): Nigerians and Chinese in Guangzhou City	Sima Baidya (Jawaharlal Nehru University): India-Africa Forum Summit: Contextualizing Rising of Global South in the Prism of Critical Geography
	Reynaldo Gacho Segumpan (Rustaq College of Education): Construction, Communication, Co-existence: A Phenomenological Study of African Minority Students' Academic Journey in the Sultanate of Oman	Manjusha Nair (George Mason University): Cautious Capital: Untangling Indian Investment in Africa
		Marius Kamala, Elisabeth Hofmann & Valentin Karm (Bordeaux/LAM): Exporting Women Empowerment from India to Africa? Reflections based on the Case Study of the Indian NGO Barefoot College (tbc)
10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:15	Keynote 5: Scarlett Cornelissen (Stellenbosch University, South Africa) Industrial entanglements and their political outflows in the Japan-South Africa relationship in the mid-twentieth Century	
12:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13:30	Workshop Session 7: Two parallel sessions	
	Migrants and minorities 2	Foreign policy and development cooperation from other Asian countries 2
	Sukanya Sarkar Sasmal (West Bengal State University): Peeping at a colony from a colony: Africa in Bengali's Perception	Tsitsi Agatha Zvingowanisei (International Christian University, Tokyo): For Better, For Worse or a Zero-sum Game? Facilitating Asia-Africa Transfer of Technologies
	Ananda Rao Kuriti (Andhra University): Indian Diaspora in Asia and Africa. Symbolic Power, Habitus, and the Development of Cross-National Knowledge	Sooa Lee (Georgia Institute of Technology): Sharing: A Case Study of International Collaborative Project Between South Korea and Tanzania
	Kevin J.A. Thomas (Pennsylvania State University): How do Chinese and other Asian immigrants fare in the South African labor market? An examination of inequalities in employment using data from South Africa	Lukas Maximilian Müller (University of Freiburg i.Br.): Periphery to Periphery? – Southeast Asian Developmental Foreign Policy in West Africa
15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:30	Concluding Discussion	



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