

AFRICAN TEA TIME

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Kongamano Student Group in collaboration with the African Studies Center presents African Tea Time! An opportunity to learn and share about first-hand experiences on the African Continent.

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Thursday, March 4th, 2021
4:00pm to 6:00pm (EST)

Virtual via Zoom
*Tea Time events will be recorded

Angola & The Gambia

Theme: China in Africa: Is the relationship working?

Angola

Presenter: Luntadila Paulo, Audit & Assurance Associate, CohnReznick LLP, Charleston, Illinois

Title: *China's Influence on the Angolan Economy*

The presentation will provide a summary of the historical relationship between Angola and China. The emphasis will be on trade and economic development and Angolan dependency on Chinese funds for national reconstruction and infrastructure financing. We will look at the implications of this relationship on Angola's sovereign debt and explore current dilemmas among different parties (winners and losers) in the Chino-Angola relationship. Lastly, the talk will present projections and recommendations for Angola as it deals with China.

The Gambia

Presenter: Dr. Tara Mock, Assistant Professor, Honors College, The University of Alabama

When news spread around the Gambia's coastal villages in 2016 that a Chinese company was seeking locations to house its new fishmeal plant, local populations were understandably excited about what it could mean for their communities. Once Golden Lead opened its new factory in Gunjur, a coastal town in south-western Gambia, in September 2016, however, the mood surrounding the new plant—which had promised jobs, new roads, livestock, and a fish market—soon soured, as accusations of environmental decay, overfishing, and crowding out the local fishing industry took center stage. How did local attitudes toward Golden Lead, symbolic of both the Chinese and African 'Dream' hit a snag? The presentation will discuss the Golden Lead case study, providing an overview of historical and contemporary relations between the Gambia and the People's Republic of China for context.

Facilitator: Ebenezer Ansah, Doctoral Candidate, Dept. of Community Sustainability, Michigan State University

