2016 SAIS-CARI Annual Conference
Orient Express: Chinese Infrastructure Engagement in Africa

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2016

8:30 - 9:00 – Sign-in and coffee/breakfast

9:00 - 9:05 – Welcome: Vali Nasr, Johns Hopkins SAIS Dean

9:05 - 9:15 – Introduction: Deborah Brautigam, SAIS-CARI Director

9:15-10:45 – PANEL 1: ROADS, RAILROADS, and PORTS

Chair: Jamie Monson, Professor of History and Director of African Studies, Michigan State University
Panelists:

- Ignace Pollet, University of Leuven, Belgium – The Road is Open: Comparing Chinese with Traditional Donors in the Democratic Republic of Congo

10:45 - 11:00 – Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30 – PANEL 2: ROADS, RAILROADS, AND PORTS II

Chair: David Kiwuwa, The University of Nottingham Ningbo, China
Panelists:

- Nuno Gil, University of Manchester – Structure-Performance Relationships in Complex System Developments: The Case of Infrastructure Projects in Developing Economies
- Wang Lin, China Business Network Research Institute – From Gwadar to Kribi: Chinese Engagement in the Development of Africa's Ports
- Keren Zhu, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences – Skills Transfer in Chinese Infrastructure in Africa: A Case Study of the Kribi Deep Sea Port in Cameroon

12:30 - 1:30 – Lunch and Keynote Speech:

Jamie Monson, Professor of History and Director of African Studies, Michigan State University
(Introduced by Ambassador Shu Zhan, Research Fellow, The Institute of African Studies at Zhejiang Normal University)

1:30 - 3:00 – PANEL 3: POWER

Chair: David Benazeraf, International Energy Agency
Panelists:

- Yanning Chen, Johns Hopkins SAIS – A Comparison of the Chinese Adama Wind Farm with the French Ashegoda Wind Farm in Ethiopia
- Yunnan Chen and David Landry, Johns Hopkins SAIS – Capturing the Rains: A Study of Chinese and World Bank-Financed Hydropower Projects in Cameroon
• Isaac Odoom, University of Alberta – Unpacking African Agency: Examining the Labor Politics and Activism of Ghanaian Workers at the Bui Dam in Ghana

3:00 - 3:30 – Coffee Break

3:30 - 5:00 – PANEL 4: FINANCING

Chair: David Ehrhardt, Castalia Strategic Advisors
Panelists:
• Wendy Leutert, Cornell University – From Contractors to Stakeholders? Chinese Companies and Public-Private Partnerships in Overseas Infrastructure Development.
• Shakira Mustapha, Overseas Development Institute – Age of Choice for Development Finance in the Infrastructure Sector in Sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Country Case Studies
• Ye Yuan, Sciences Po – Efficiency or Effectiveness: Decision Mechanisms of Chinese Concessional Loans to Infrastructure in Africa
• Youyi Zhang, Cornell University – Financing of Chinese Infrastructure in Africa: Concessional Loans, Public-Private Partnerships, and International Donors

5:00 - 6:00 – Public Reception

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2016

8:30 - 9:00 – Coffee/breakfast

9:15 - 10:45 – PANEL 5: ENVIRONMENT AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Chair: Jian Ni, The Johns Hopkins Carey Business School
Panelists:
• Gbemiga Adeyemi, Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Nigeria – Occupational Safety and Hidden Health Costs Among Construction Workers: Analysis of Chinese Construction Companies in Lagos State
• Zhengli Huang, Chinese University of Hong Kong – Chinese Contractors and Their Social Responsibilities: A Case Study in Mathare Valley, Nairobi
• Bradley Parks, AidData, College of William and Mary – An Evaluation of the Impacts of Chinese Development Projects in Ecologically Sensitive Areas

10:45 - 11:00 – Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30 – PANEL 6: LABOR AND SKILLS TRANSFER

Chair: Diane McMahon, Bechtel Corporation
Panelists:
• Motolani Agbebi, University of Tampere, Finland – Chinese Investment in Africa’s Telecommunications Sector: Contributions to Skills and Technology Transfer? A Case Study of Huawei in Nigeria
• Hezron Makundi, University of Leuven, Belgium – Cooperation Between China and Tanzania in ICT
• Lisa Qixun Siebers, Nottingham Trent University – Chinese Infrastructure Engagement in Eastern and Southern Africa: Lessons from Kenya, Zambia, and South Africa
• Irene Sun, McKinsey & Company, and Lin Qi, former AVIC Project Manager – Creating a Market for Skills Transfer: A Case Study of AVIC International’s Skills Transfer Programs in Kenya

12:30 - 1:30 – Lunch and Summing Up: Prof. Deborah Brautigam, SAIS-CARI Director