

# CHINA★AFRICA RESEARCH INITIATIVE



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

### Matters of State: Politics, Governance, and Agency in China- Africa Engagement

School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Kenney Auditorium, 1740 Massachusetts  
Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036

#### DAY 1 - Thursday, April 19, 2018

8:30 – 9:00 Sign-in and coffee

9:00 – 9:05 Welcome: **Vali NASR**, SAIS Dean

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

#### 9:15 – 11:00 **PANEL 1: Africa, China and the West**

Chair: **Amb. David H. SHINN**, George Washington University

Panelists:

**Christine HACKENESCH**, Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik, “The EU and China in African Authoritarian Regimes: Domestic Politics and Governance Reforms”

**Haley SWEDLUND**, Radboud University Nijmegen, “The Development Dance: How China and Other Donors and Recipients Negotiate the Delivery of Foreign Aid”

**Tara MOCK**, Michigan State University, “How China Does Nation-Branding in Africa”

**Yuan WANG**, University of Oxford, “The politics of Sino-Africa infrastructure development: Ethiopia and Kenya”

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

- 11:15 – 1:00 **PANEL 2: African Agency and Strategic Bargaining**
- Chair: **Julia STRAUSS**, University of London School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)
- Panelists:
- Folashadé SOULÉ**, University of Oxford, “Negotiating with China: Power Asymmetry and African Agency”
- Youyi ZHANG**, Cornell University, “Political Significance, African Agency, and Risks: Chinese Infrastructure Projects in Kenya and DR Congo.”
- Hang ZHOU**, University of London School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), “Bring African bureaucracies back in: Negotiations and Implementation of Chinese engagement in Uganda’s Roads Construction Sector”
- Maddalena PROCOPIO**, London School of Economics / Italian Institute for International Political Studies - “Kenyan Agency Toward the Chinese: the Case of the Health Sector”
- 1:00 – 2:00 Lunch
- Keynote speech: **Daniel LARGE**, Central European University, “China’s New African Era: The Politics of Peace, Security and Development”
- 2:00 – 3:45 **PANEL 3: Leadership, Power and Agency, and Regulation**
- Chair: **Deborah BRÄUTIGAM**, Johns Hopkins SAIS
- Panelists:
- Ying XIA**, Harvard University, “Policies, Laws and Agencies for Outward Investment Regulation in China”
- Barney WALSH**, King’s College London, “Museveni’s Power and Agency: A Leadership Perspective on China-Africa Relations”
- June SUN**, Africa’s Asian Options (AFRASO), “Emerging markets’ Challenges for Participation in Global Internet Governance: The Case of China and South Africa”
- Jackson MILLER**, Harvard Kennedy School, “Fists of Fury? Kung Fu Master Gao and the Sinification of Malagasy Politics”
- 3:45 – 4:00 Coffee Break

4:00 – 5:45 **PANEL 4: Civil Society, Populism, and Micropolitics**

Chair: **Yoon Jung PARK**, Georgetown University

Panelists:

**Isaac ODOOM**, University of Alberta, “Agency in Tight Corners: Chinese Miners and Community Contestation/Collaboration in Ghana”

**Lila BUCKLEY**, International Institute for Environment and Development, “China's role in Africa's sustainable development from the perspective of natural resources, rural poverty and local governance”

**Richard AIDOO**, Coastal Carolina University, “Charting the Roots of Anti-Chinese Populism in Africa”

**Robert WYROD**, University of Colorado Boulder, “In the General’s Valley: China, Africa, and the Limits of Developmental Pragmatism”

5:45 – 6:45 Public Reception

**DAY 2 - Friday, April 20, 2018**

9:00 - 10:45 **PANEL 5: African State Capacity, Bureaucracies, and Norm Diffusion**

Chair: **Brian LEVY**, Johns Hopkins SAIS/University of Cape Town

Panelists:

**Hezron MAKUNDI**, IDS University of Dar es Salaam, “Negotiating the technological capacity in Chinese engagements: Is the Tanzanian government in the driving seat?”

**Tom DE BRUYN**, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, “The Promise of Equal Partnerships: Decision-making power and African agency in Chinese, Brazilian and Indian Capacity-Building Projects”

**Lina BENABDALLAH**, Wake Forest University, “Do knowledge and technical skills transfers from Chinese experts to African trainees diffuse Chinese norms, values, and models?”

**Paul KADETZ**, Drew University, “Diplomacy & Dependency: Unpacking the Outcomes of ‘Sustainable’ Self-development in Sino-Malagasy Health Diplomacy”

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:45 **PANEL 6: Understanding China/Africa through Data**

Chair: **Stephen B. KAPLAN**, George Washington University

Panelists:

**Jinxu TANG**, Brown University, "More than Minerals: A Spatial Analysis of Chinese Aid in Africa"

**Matthew DILORENZO**, College of William & Mary, "Political Turnover and Chinese Development Cooperation"

**Scott WINGO**, University of Pennsylvania, "New Types of Financing for a New Financier: The Determinants of Different Forms of Chinese Development Finance in Africa"

**David LANDRY**, Johns Hopkins SAIS, "Comparing the Determinants of Western and Chinese Development Finance Flows to Africa"

12:45- 1:45 Lunch and Summing Up