



Ohio State's East Asian Studies Center and Center for African Studies, in conjunction with Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service Africa-China Initiative and George Washington University's East Asia National Resource Center present:

New Perspectives on China and Africa

The September 2024 Forum on China-Africa Cooperation turned the world's attention to the strategic connections between China and African nations. This forum, which was held in Beijing, featured 51 African heads of state, indicating the increasing importance of these relations. China has been expanding relations with African states through its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and soft power ambitions. While positive aspirations seem abundant on both sides of the Africa-China links, there are a number of challenges and complicated tensions. Balancing trade and security concerns, developing infrastructure in a way that does not handicap nations with overwhelming debt, and enhancing knowledge and education in a culturally sensitive framework are some of the challenges facing China-Africa relations. How these two regions continue to develop in a multipolar global economy will have an enormous impact on the world economy and geopolitical state of affairs.

Lunch will be provided. Registration required. Participants may attend in person or via Zoom.

"China-Africa Security Engagement Since COVID-19"

David Shinn

George Washington University

"Built Higher, Dug Deeper: the Effect on Chinese Debt Financing on African Infrastructure Coverage"

Jyhjong Hwang

The Ohio State University

"The Evolution of Chinese Soft Power in Africa: Implications for Technology, African Languages and Cultures in Africa and the Diaspora"

Phiwokuhle Mnyandu

Howard University

"China in Africa, Environmental Governance and Civil Society: the Case of the Kua Forest in Burkina Faso"

Asma Amita Belem

Georgetown University

"China's relational power in Africa: Beijing's 'New Type of Party-to-Party Relations'"

Joshua Eisenman

University of Notre Dame

November 15, 2024,

10:30am-2:30pm

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