

# The Int'l Political Economy of Africa-China Relations

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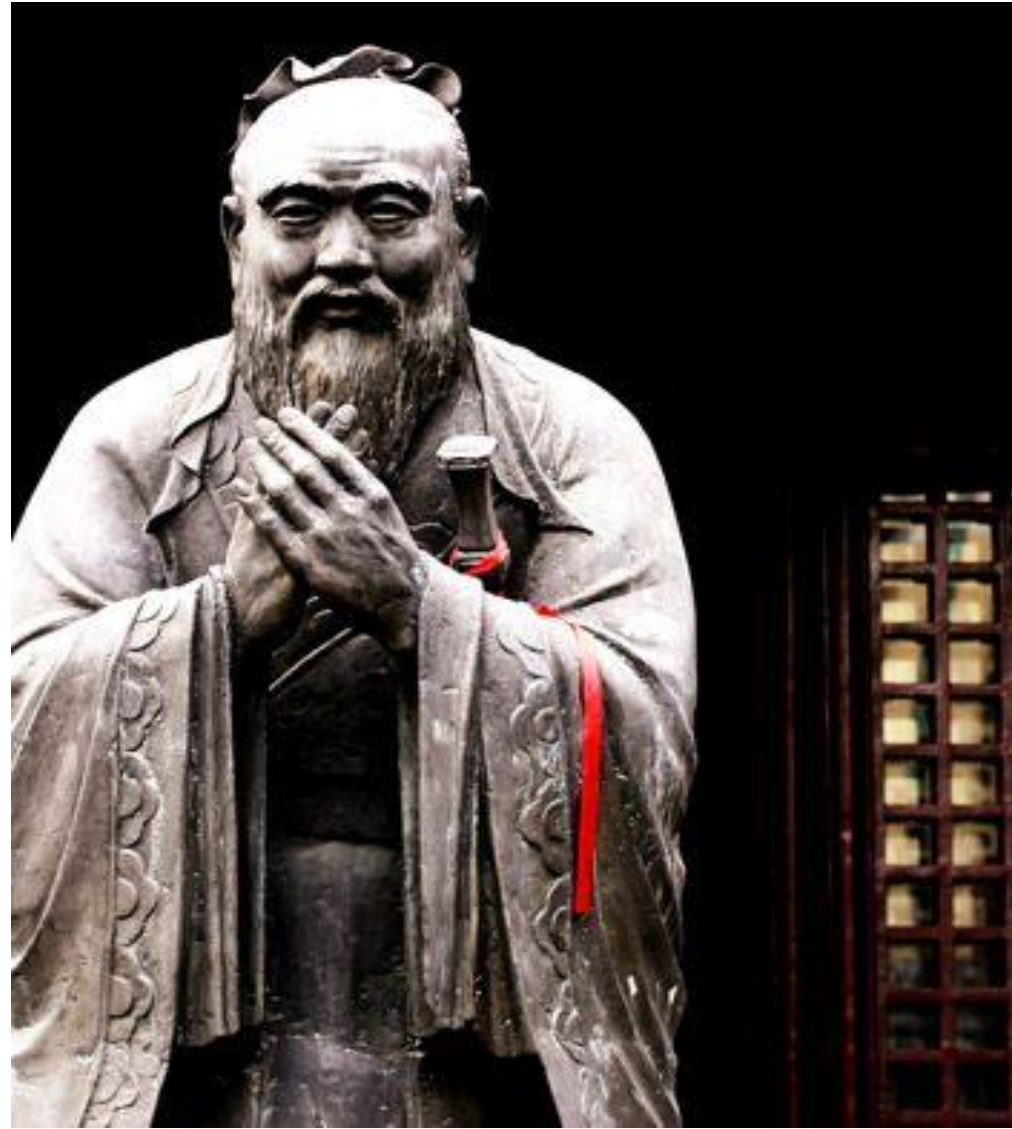






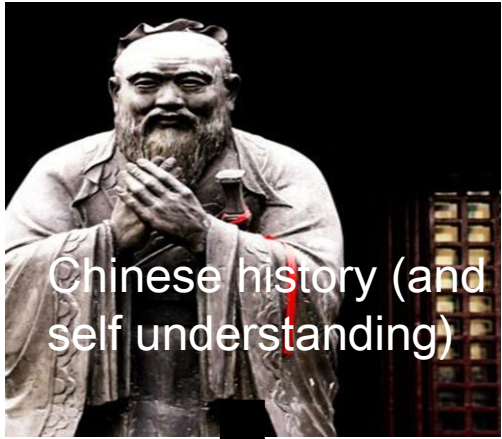
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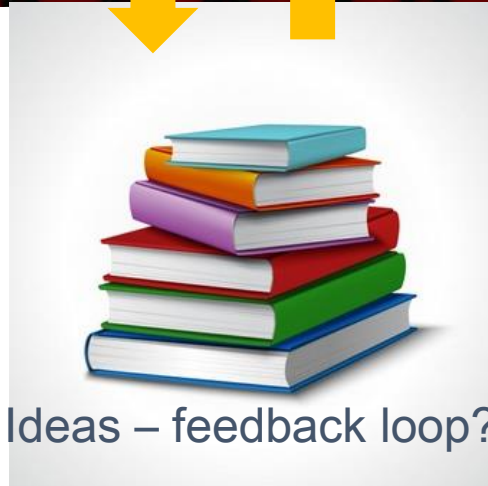








# POL8X13 Course overview



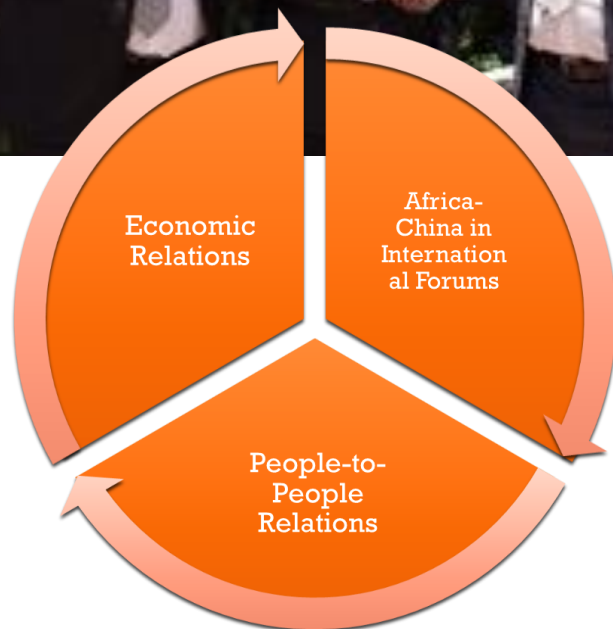
# Outline

- 1. CACS: Overview**
- 2. A Snapshot of China's Surging Interest in Africa**
- 3. The Course**





- ▶ Course situated within the broader mandate of the Centre for Africa-China Studies (CACS) launched in 2018;
- ▶ **CACS' global network of scholars:**
  - ▶ 10 Visiting Research Fellows
  - ▶ 4/5 BRICS countries
  - ▶ Wide research scope
- ▶ **Confucius Institute: Unmatched proximity to China**
  - ▶ Interaction with world-class scholars, policymakers (samples!), special projects
  - ▶ Scholarship opportunities
    - ▶ MA, PhD in China
- ▶ Make use of your other areas of study (interdisciplinary focus)
- ▶ UJ: 4<sup>th</sup> industrial revolution focus



July 2017

UJCI AFRICA-CHINA POLICY BRIEF

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BRICS Studies: Some Suggested Themes



Chris Landsberg, Francis A. Kornegay Jr and Mzukisi Qobo



August 2017

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The BRICS Model of South-South Cooperation

Swaran Singh



Special Edition | May 2017

AFRICA-CHINA POLICY BRIEF

Regional Industrialisation in Southern Africa: The Role of African-Sino Partnerships



Report based on a policy research seminar held by the University of Johannesburg Confucius Institute and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Southern Africa Office, in collaboration with Oxfam International's Africa-China Dialogue Platform (ACDP), in Sandton, Johannesburg, on 20-21 April 2017



November 2017

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The US, Russia, China and Africa in the evolving global order

Dr David Monyae



January 2018

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Sino-African Relations in 2017: Where to from here?

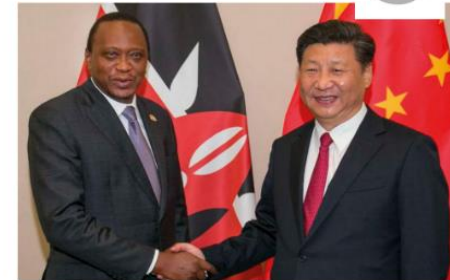
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Sino-Kenyan Co-operation: Whither the West?

Dr Westen K Shilaho

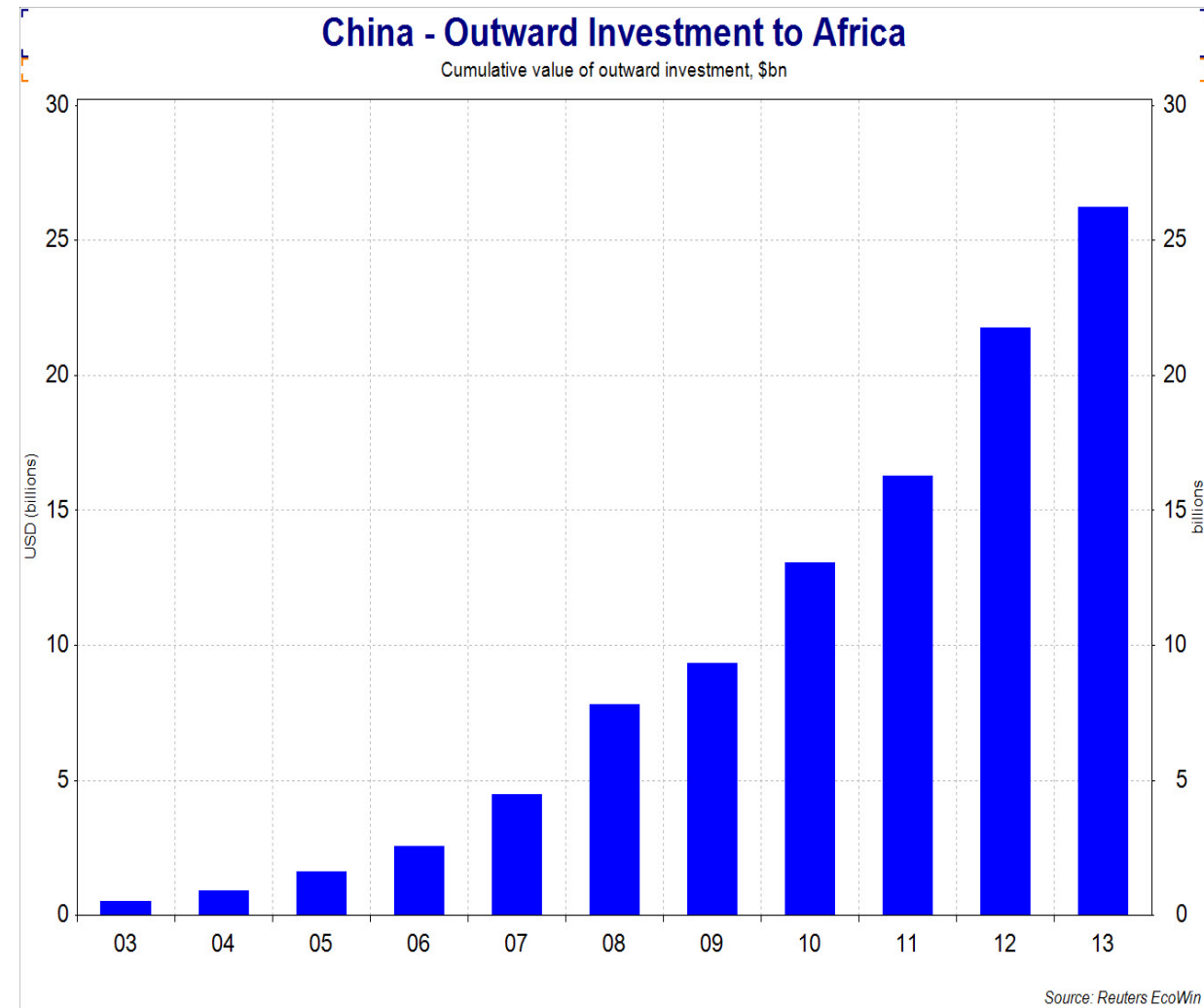




# The Dynamics of the Relationship

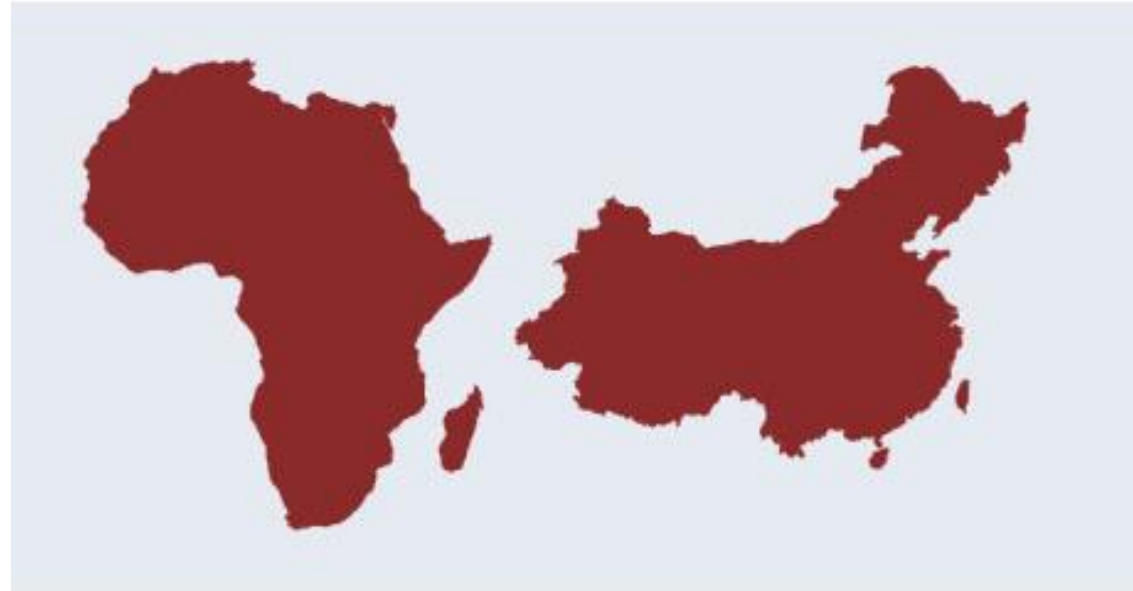
In just 20 years, the PRC has become Africa's biggest economic partner.

- Since the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the PRC has gone from being a relatively small investor in the continent to becoming Africa's largest economic partner;
- Since 2000, Africa-China trade has seen a **20%** growth per year;
- FDI has registered even greater growth – **40%**;
- **30%** of new loans to Africa come from China;
- A McKinsey report found that it was even larger than officially reported – by **15%**.



# The Dynamics of the Relationship

- China is the fastest-growing source of aid and the largest source of construction financing;
- China is in the top 4 partners for Africa:
  - Trade
  - Investment stock
  - Infrastructure financing
  - Aid
- No other country matches this depth and breadth of engagement.





# The Dynamics of the Relationship

Over 1000 Chinese firms and factories spread across 8 African countries together make up about **60% of Sub-Saharan Africa's GDP.**

- Actual number of Chinese firms are about 9 times the national government figures;
- More than 10 thousand Chinese owned firms;
- Around 90% of these are POEs
  - “China, Inc.” not reflected on the ground;
  - No monolithic route from Beijing to African countries.

# Africa and China's Global Foreign Policy

- Africa not at the top of the list for China
  - Asia Pacific – making a presence
  - One Belt One Road
  - North Korea
- And China is not in some African countries' top priority
  - Swaziland, Burkina Faso
- But nonetheless Africa is in China's long game
  - First Presidential visit policy
  - China is currently seeking to assert itself on the global stage and reformulate globalisation as we have known it
- “China's future scenarios do need Africa to be cooperative and friendly” – *Africa Report*
  - Too invested in Africa;
  - And for many African countries, this is the most important relationship of all.





**The Course**

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**The International Political Economy of  
Africa-China Relations**

# The International Political Economy of Africa-China Relations

*In this course, we will attempt to give the scope of China's engagement with Africa through looking at the following questions and dilemmas:*

- (1) what are the histories and key characteristics of the China-Africa relationship?;
- (2) is China's engagement with Africa neo-colonial?;
- (3) is the relationship between the two entities mutually beneficial?;
- (4) what characterises China's policy of non-intervention in Africa, if there is indeed such a policy?;
- (5) is democracy being promoted or being undermined in Africa by China?;
- (6) what is the impact of China's historical relationship with Africa today?;
- (7) what are the institutions and frameworks which guide and espouse the relationship?;
- (8) how will this relationship be transformed by oncoming changes in industrial patterns?

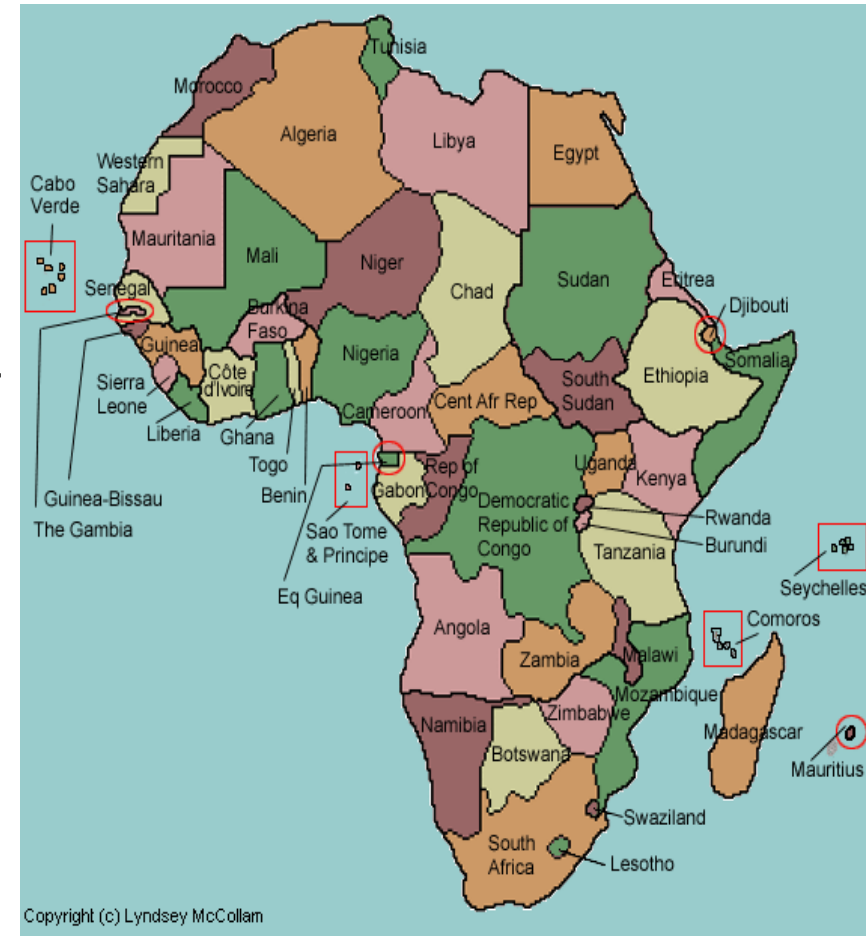


# The International Political Economy of Africa-China Relations

- *On the basis of this, a number of themes are detectable which could serve as a basis for singling out the core elements of the relationship – to be borne in mind are the following:*
- Africa-China relations are rich, diverse and complex and their totality is **beyond the scope of a single course** and students are highly encouraged to find literature outside this course during and after the lecture series to further bolster their knowledge of this fascinating and important topic, and
- There is a great deal of overlap and interrelation between these themes, as such they should not be looked at in isolation.

# Lecture Series Themes in Africa-China Relations

- Understanding China and Africa as units of analysis;
- Africa-China Relations in Historical Context;
- Non-Interference Revisited;
- China and African Human Security;
- The Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), One Belt One Road (OBOR) and the Multilateral Dimension in Africa-China Relations;
- Chinese companies;
- China-Africa-BRICS Relations
- Africa and China in the United Nations (UN)
- The Africa-China-US nexus;
- The China-Taiwan-Africa nexus;
- Africa-China Relations and the Environment;
- Africa-China People-to-People Relations;
- The “Chinese Model” and African development





# Assessment Areas

- Past trends, present dynamics and future trajectories
  - The economic dimension
  - The political dimension
  - The geopolitical dimension
- Methodology

## Formats

- Research paper(s)
  - Suggested topics plus areas of choice
- Presentations
- Rudimentary language proficiency tests (#)



*Thank You*