

AFRICA CHINA RELATIONS COURSE

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Africa China Relations Course

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CLASS MEETINGS:

Classroom: Matherly 0006

M | Period 7 (1:55 PM - 2:45 PM)

W | Period 7 - 8 (1:55 PM - 3:50 PM)

OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY: 2-4 PM

435 Grinter Hall

Course Description

This course explores the evolving relationship between China and Africa using the political, economic, and cultural lens. China has grown to be one of the most prominent partners in Africa. This relationship is manifested in trade, infrastructure, politics, and physical environment. However, this relationship is complex with varied actors. This course explores the historical emergence of the relationship between China and the continent, the current areas of engagement and how these have impacted the latter. The course will be taught as a seminar and will use the case study approach to emphasize and analyze the main issues of engagement and sometimes confrontation. The course will also include guest lecturers who study various aspects of the topic. Students will engage with these researchers and write brief papers on their presentations.

Class Philosophy

This class will be taught as a colloquium. Each student will make at least one presentation. All students will be expected to do the readings and participate in the discussions. Students will also be availed the opportunity to listen to specialists studying China and Africa Relations.

Grading

Students' grades will be based on attendance and participation in class discussions, class presentations, term paper, research presentations based on the readings and guest research presentations as follows:

- 1) Attendance and Class Participation - 10 %
- 2) Leading one class discussion and synthesizing the readings = 15 % (4 pages, typewritten);
- 3) Policy papers on African countries - 15%
- 4) Two quizzes based on readings presentations and videos = 15% x 2= 30 %
- 5) Synthesis of one guest presentation (10% each)
- 6) Term paper on one of the assigned topics = 20 %.

Grade Point Scale: A = 93 or above, A- = 90-92, B+ = 87-89, B = 83-86, B- = 80-82, C+ = 77-79, C=74-76, C- = 70-73, D+ = 67-69, D = 63-66, D- = 60-62, E= 59 or below

Except for the final paper, all writing assignments will be returned to students with comments before the final week of class. The professor reserves the right to make changes in order to meet the course objectives.

Disabilities

Students with disabilities who require classroom accommodation should first register with the Dean of Students Office who will provide them with the necessary documentation.

UF Religious Holidays Policy:

The UF Religious Holidays Policy is available at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/#religiousholidaystext>

Required Readings:

1. Taylor, Ian. *China's New Role in Africa*. 2009: Boulder: Lynne Rienner.
2. Gadzala, Aleksandra. *Africa and China: How Africans and their Governments are Shaping Relations with China*. Boulder: Bowman and Littlefield. (Suggested).

Weekly Schedule

Week 1 – Jan. 8 - **Introduction** – Course Objective, brief introduction to Africa and China.

- Jan 10 - Introduction - China Africa Relations

Reading 1. China in Africa: Implications of a Deepening Relationship, [Larry Hanauer](#), Lyle, J. Morris. RAND Corporation: https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_briefs/RB9760.html

Week 2 **Jan 15 MLK Day. No Class.**

Jan 17 - Status of the Africa China Relationship – Latest situation

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/africa-in-focus/2021/12/06/focac-2021-chinas-retrenchment-from-africa/>

1. What's in it for Africa and China? The Africa-China Relationship: Challenges

and Opportunities

Paul Tiyambe Zeleza (2014) The Africa-China relationship: challenges and opportunities, Canadian Journal of African Studies/Revue canadienne des études africaines, 48:1, 145-169, DOI: [10.1080/00083968.2014.946298](https://doi.org/10.1080/00083968.2014.946298) [Pages 145-169 | Published online: 01 Dec 2014](#)

Week 3 – **History of China-Africa Relations**

- Jan. 22.** 1. A Historical Overview of China-Africa Relations (Chapter 2 – Shinn and Eisenman)
2. Africa Collective Role – African Union

Jan. 24 - Dominik Kopin'ski and Andrzej Polus:

SINO-ZAMBIAN RELATIONS: 'AN ALL-WEATHER FRIENDSHIP' WEATHERING THE STORM:

https://books.google.com/books?id=IcroBAAAQBAJ&pg=PA53&lpg=PA53&dq=ino-Zambian+relations:+%E2%80%98An+all-weather+friendship%E2%80%99+weathering+the+storm+Dominik+Kopin+%CC%81ski+and+Andrzej&source=bl&ots=swJMqwzLR-&sig=ACfU3U1yT5hjPHumZyHLMWILgMFsItAC5g&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiJ2d_KsZn1AhUdQjABHdgWCy0Q6AF6BAgCEAM#v=onepage&q&f=false

Week 4 – China's Africa Policy in Context

Jan. 29 – 1. China's Africa Policy in Context, (Chapter 1, Taylor)

Jan. 31st. 2) Government of China white paper, "China's African Policy," January 2006.
Direct link: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/000944550704300309>

3. Current Status: FOCAC

Week 5 – Africa China Economic Partnership

1. **Feb, 5. Oil Diplomacy (Taylor, Chapter 2)**
2. **Feb 7. Economic Statecraft.** Deborah Bräutigam and Tang Xiaoyang, "Economic Statecraft in China's New Overseas Special Economic Zones," IFPRI Discussion Paper no. 01168 (March 2012). Direct Link: ifpri.org/sites/default/files/publications/ifpridp01168.pdf.

Week 6 –1. Investments and Trade – Complements and Conflict

FEBRUARY 12: QUIZ 1

Feb. 14. 1. [The Impact of Cheap Chinese Goods](#) (Taylor, Chapter 3)

Feb. 14

1. Chinese Merchants Thrive in Senegal, Where People 'Needed Stuff' New York Times:
<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/23/world/africa/chinese-merchants-thrive-in-senegal-where-people-needed-stuff.html>

2. **The Political Economy of Galamsey and Anti-Chinese Sentiment in Ghana, Richard Aidoo**

[http://sites.clas.ufl.edu/africa-asq/files/v16a5.Aidoo_HD .pdf](http://sites.clas.ufl.edu/africa-asq/files/v16a5.Aidoo_HD.pdf)

African Studies Quarterly | Volume 16, Issue 3-4 | December
2016

3. Does Chinese Employment Benefit Africans? Investigating Chinese Enterprises and their Operations in Africa, TANG XIAOYANG, *African Studies Quarterly* | Volume 16, Issue 3-4 | December 2016 http://sites.clas.ufl.edu/africa-asq/files/v16a8.Tang_HD.pdf

Week 7 – **China's Belt and Road Initiative and Africa**

Feb. 19. Introduction: China-Africa Relations: The Belt and Road Initiative and Its Impact on Africa. Agnes Ngoma Leslie: *African Studies Quarterly* | Volume 19, Issue 3-4 | October 2020:

<https://asq.africa.ufl.edu/files/V19i3-4a1.Introduction-China-Africa.pdf>

3. Understanding China's Belt and Road Infrastructure Projects in Africa, Dollar, David. September 2019

https://www.brookings.edu/wpcontent/uploads/2019/09/FP_20190930_china_bri_dollar.pdf

Feb. 21

1. **China's Belt and Road Initiative in Africa, Debt Risk and New Dependency: The Case of Ethiopia**

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<https://asq.africa.ufl.edu/files/V19i3-4a2.pdf>

2. **Belt and Road Initiative in Africa: The Impact of Standard Gauge Railway in Kenya.** Githaiga, N. M.; Bing, w. *China Report, [s. l.]*, v. 55, n. 3, p. 219–240, 2019. DOI 10.1177/0009445519853697. Disponível em

Week 8 – **China and Human Rights**

Policy Paper Due – February 26

Feb. 26:

1) The Issue of Human Rights – (Taylor, Chapter 4)

Feb. 28:

2. Workers' Rights – Zambia: November 3, 2011 2:45AM EDT, Zambia: Workers Detail Abuse in Chinese-Owned Mines:, Enforce Health, Safety, and Labor Laws in Copper Mining Industry: <https://www.hrw.org/news/2011/11/03/zambia-workers-detail-abuse-chinese-owned-mines>

3. Zambia's new President Sata sets new mining rules for China

<https://www.csmonitor.com/World/Africa/2011/0928/Zambia-s-new-President-Sata-sets-new-mining-rules-for-China>

Week 9 – Arms Trade/Military and Peacekeeping Engagements

March 4.

1. The Arms Trade (Taylor, Chapter 5)

March 6.

2. China Expands Its Peace and Security Footprint in Africa

[Michael Kovrig](#)

<https://www.crisisgroup.org/asia/north-east-asia/china/china-expands-its-peace-and-security-footprint-africa>

3. China's weapons trade: from ships of shame to the ethics of global resistance Samuel J. Spiegel and Philippe le Billon

<http://content.ebscohost.com/ContentServer.asp?T=P&P=AN&K=36791448&S=R&D=hus&EbscoContent=dGJyMNHX8kSeprI4yNfsOLCmsEiepq5Srqq4SbOWxWXS&ContentCustomer=dGJyMPGut1C1qbNjuePfgex43zx>

SPRING BREAK MARCH 9 - 16

Week 11 – China's Soft Power

March 18: 1. Grand Strategy and China's Soft Power Push in Africa

By [Paul Nantulya](#), August 30, 2018: Africa Center for Strategic Studies:

<https://africacenter.org/spotlight/grand-strategy-and-chinas-soft-power-push-in-africa/>

March 20 - China Training -

1. Power or Influence? Making Sense of China's Evolving Party-to-party Diplomacy in Africa, Lina Benabdallah *African Studies Quarterly* | Volume 19, Issues
2. Chinese Training Courses for African Officials a "Win Win" Engagement? Henry Tugend: <https://saiscari.files.wordpress.com/2014/10/sais-cari-brief-3-2014-tugendhat.pdf>

Week 12 – Instructions for Writing term paper abstracts

1. March 25

China-Africa Media Initiatives– Reflections of Chinese in African Media and Africans in Chinese Media: Africa and Chinese Coverage:

1. China-Africa media relations: What we know so far: Herman Wasserman,
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/2059436418784787>

2. China-Africa in 2020: Three Trends to Watch: Cobus van Staden:
<https://chinaafricaproject.com/analysis/china-africa-in-2020-three-trends-to-watch/>

March 27

China-Africa Media Images

1. China and the Shaping of African Information Societies – Iginio Gagliardone
2. The Image of Africa in China: The Emerging Role of Chinese Social Media, Lianxing Li

https://sites.clas.ufl.edu/africanquarterly/files/v16a10_Li.pdf

Week 13 – HOW AFRICANS ARE SHAPING RELATIONS WITH CHINA

April 1

1. Negotiating China: Reinserting African agency into China–Africa relations. *African Affairs*, Volume 112, Issue 446, January 2013, Pages 92–110, <https://doi.org/10.1093/afraf/ads065>. (In file)

GILES MOHAN AND BEN LAMPERT

April 3

"Rethinking African Agency within China-Africa Relations through the Lens of Policy Transfer: A Framework for Analysis"

The African Review: A Journal of African Politics, Development and International Affairs
[Vol. 43, No. 1 \(June 2016\)](#), pp. 75-102

Oscar M. Otele

1. Contextualizing African Agency in Ethiopia-China engagement in wind energy infrastructure financing and development: Frangton Chiyemura:

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/344950631_Contextualizing_African_Agency_in_Ethiopia-China_engagement_in_wind_energy_infrastructure_financing_and_development

April 8@11:59 PM– [Abstracts for term paper due](#)

Week 14

April 8

1. "RESHAPING AFRICAN AGENCY IN CHINA-AFRICA RELATIONS"

By [Paul Nantulya \(Links to an external site.\)](#)

<https://africacenter.org/spotlight/reshaping-african-agency-china-africa-relations/>

April 10

Outlining African Agency Against the Background of the Belt and Road Initiative. Cobus van Staden, Chris Alden and Yu-Shan Wu: *African Studies Quarterly* | Volume 19, Issues 3-4

| October 2020: <https://asq.africa.ufl.edu/files/V19i3-4a7.pdf>

Week 15 – China and Africa Migrations

April 15 - SECOND QUIZ

April 17 Chinese Populations in Africa

1. Chinese growing population in Africa: Audrea Lim:

<http://eds.b.ebscohost.com.lp.hscl.ufl.edu/eds/pdfviewer/pdfviewer?vid=12&sid=547eea29-59fb-4885-8c3a-8dae07b7e80d%40sessionmgr103>

China's New Frontier:

African Populations in China

1. The Bridge is not Burning Down: Transformation and Resilience within China's African Diaspora Communities by Adams Bodomo, ASQ

https://asq.africa.ufl.edu/bodomo_feb2018/

2. African Students in China: Research, Reality, and Reflection. Li, Anshan. African Studies Quarterly. Volume 17, Issue 4. February 2018:

<http://eds.b.ebscohost.com.lp.hscl.ufl.edu/eds/pdfviewer/pdfviewer?vid=9&sid=3d3150ab-241e-4c4d-a209-bf323b0a45bb%40pdc-v-sessmgr04>

Week 16 – AFRICANS IN CHINA – TRADE AND COMMUNITIES

April 22 - Summaries of Guest Presentations Due

1. April 22 – African Traders in China From Pioneers to Professionals: African Brokers in a Maturing Chinese Marketplace, African Studies Quarterly, Volume 17, Issue 4, February 2018, Heidi Østbø Haugen

http://asq.africa.ufl.edu/files/3_Haugen.pdf

Conclusion: What is the Way Forward?

April 24– Term Papers due

Term Paper Due: April 24 @ 11:59 PM

Classes End – April 24