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## **China's Engagement with Africa: Opportunity and Challenge**

**April 6-7, 2007**

**April 6: Johns Hopkins University, SAIS  
Kenney Auditorium  
1740 Massachusetts Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20036**

**April 7: American University  
Ward Building Room 3  
4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20016**

China's activities in Africa have expanded dramatically in recent years. Diplomatic engagement, foreign aid, trade, investment and lending have all grown substantially. Beijing hosted a major summit meeting of African leaders last year, and President Hu Jintao recently completed a tour through the African continent. China has become a major donor and trading partner to African countries, overtaking such traditional powers as the UK.

China's new engagement suggests a major transition in the strategic landscape of Africa. What are the trends in China's African relations, and the possible implications? While some observers see new opportunities for African economic development and strategic balancing, others see maneuvers for energy and commodities, along with possible liabilities for governance and security.

This conference will examine the scope of China's expanding involvement in Africa, the application of alternative models of aid and development, effects on governance and security in the region, and policy options in a changing strategic landscape.

**AGENDA**  
**Friday, April 6: Johns Hopkins/SAIS**

- 8:30 – 9:00:** Sign-In and Coffee
- 9:00-9:15:** Welcome  
Peter Lewis, Johns Hopkins, SAIS  
Deborah Brautigam, American University, SIS
- 9:15-10:45:** **Panel I: The Scope of China’s Engagement with Africa**  
Pang Zhongying, Renmin and Nankai Universities  
David Goldwyn, Goldwyn International  
Stephen Morrison, CSIS
- 10:45-11:00:** Coffee Break
- 11:00 -12:30:** **Panel II: Aid and Development Models**  
Deborah Brautigam, American University  
Joshua Kurlantzick, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace  
Sun Baohong, Embassy of the People’s Republic of China
- 12:30-1:30:** Lunch
- 1:30-3:00:** **Panel III: Governance and Security**  
Ian Taylor, University of St. Andrew’s  
Ndubisi Obiorah, CLASA, Nigeria  
Hillary Thomas-Lake, LTL Strategies  
and Stephen Schwenke, Georgetown/SAIS
- 3:00- 3:15:** Coffee Break
- 3:15-5:00:** **Panel IV: Policy Directions**  
Harry Broadman, World Bank  
Denis Tull, German Institute for International and Security Affairs  
Adama Gaye, Ecobank  
Comment: Pang Zhongying

**AGENDA**  
**Saturday, April 7: American University**

- 10:00 – 10:30:** Welcome and Coffee
- 10:00 -12:00:** **Roundtable: China’s Engagement with Africa:  
Regional Impact and Beyond**  
Deborah Brautigam, American University  
Peter Lewis, SAIS  
Pang Zhongying, Renmin and Nankai Universities  
Denis Tull, German Institute for International and Security Affairs  
Adama Gaye, Ecobank  
Ian Taylor, University of St. Andrew’s  
Ndubisi Obiorah, CLASA, Nigeria
- 12:00 -1:30:** Working Lunch: Research Agendas and Publication Options

Please RSVP to Shawnetta Jackson at the African Studies Program by email at [smjackson@jhu.edu](mailto:smjackson@jhu.edu) or by telephone at 202-663-5676. If you e-mail please put “RSVP March 9” in the subject line.