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China in the Global South: Consequences for Economic Development

Friday, March 28, 2025

- 8:50 – 9:00 Welcome
Heiwai Tang, Asia Global Institute
Andreas Fuchs, Kiel Institute and University of Göttingen
- 9:00 – 10:45 Paper Presentation I: *Chinese Aid*
Chair: Heiwai Tang
Felix Turbanisch, University of Göttingen: *Tracking Chinese Aid through China Customs*
Antoine Boucher, University of Göttingen: *Do All Roads Lead to Exports? Chinese Transport Projects in Developing Countries*
Joris Mueller, National University of Singapore: *The Domestic Political Economy of China's Foreign Aid*
- 10:45 – 11:00 Coffee-Break
- 11:00 – 12:10 Paper Presentation II: *Trade and Investment*
Chair: Antoine Boucher
Xinming Xia, Tsinghua University and Kiel Institute: *The Effects of China's Investment on African Local Firm Performance under South-South Cooperation*
Samuel Siewers, German Institute for Global and Area Studies: *The (Other) China Shock and the Brazilian Soy Boom: Cui Bono?*
- 12:10 – 14:00 Lunch (by invitation only)
- 14:00 – 15:45 Paper Presentation III: *Globalization and Geopolitics*
Chair: Andreas Fuchs
Keyi Tang, ESADE Business School: *Commerce or Coalition: The Geopolitical Analysis of China's Green Belt and Road Initiative*
Alexander Plekhanov, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development: *Connector economies in a fragmenting world*
Austin Strange, The University of Hong Kong: *Can Public Diplomacy Repair Reputation? Evidence from Chinese-financed Infrastructure in Indonesia and Kenya*
- 15:45 – 16:15 Coffee-Break
- 16:15 – 17:15 Panel Discussion: *Reshaping International Development Finance: China's Rise and U.S. Retrenchment Under Trump*
Moderator: Heiwai Tang
Maria Adele Carrai, NYU Shanghai, Andreas Fuchs, Kiel Institute and University of Göttingen
- 17:15 – 17:30 Closing