



China and Europe in the African Continent

30 November & 1st December 2023

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09.15 – 09.45 Welcome Introduction

Lorenzo Gasbarri (Sant'Anna)
Alberto Di Minin (Sant'Anna and Confucio Institute)
Gaetana Morgante (Sant'Anna, Director DIRPOLIS Institute)

09.45 – 10.00 Associazione Italiana di Studi Africa-Cina

Presentation of the activities

10.00 – 11.15 Keynote Speech

Olabisi D. Akinkugbe (Dalhousie University)

11.15 – 12.45 First Panel: Setting the Stage

Chair: Laura Berlingozzi (Sant'Anna)
Lembe Tiky (Fairfield University)
Competing in Africa in the 21st Century: An Assessment of European Policies towards the Continent
Riccardo Mosca (EU Delegation to the African Union)
EU and China: two distinct presences in the African Continent
Isaac O. Frimpong (University of Western Australia)
Chinese and European engagement in post-Covid-19 Africa: Neocolonialism or Strategic Partnership? (online)
Maeregu Habtemariam Kazentet (Kehl University)
Strengthening EU Africa Relationship in the current VUCA world

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.30 Second Panel: Sustainable Development

Chair: Giuseppe Martinico (Sant'Anna)
Jackline Nyaga (Riara Law School)
Financing Development in Africa: A Critical Analysis of China's Normative Leadership
Xueyan Wu (Chongqing University)
China's Green Belt and Road Initiative: Towards Sustainable Development in Africa (online)
Mariasole Pepa (University of Padova)
China's Engagement in African Agriculture: Cooperation as a Site of Competition

15.30 – 16.15 Coffee Break

16.15 – 17.15 Keynote Speech

Lina Benabdallah (Wake Forest University) (online)

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9.30 – 11.00 Third Panel: Peace and Security

Chair: Andrea de Guttery (Sant'Anna)
Ndiloseh Melvis (Sant'Anna)
Sino-African Peace and Security Relations: A Critical Analysis
Getachew Assefa (Addis Ababa University)
The Recent Authoritarian Drift in the African Continent: Can the EU do anything to help stymie it? (online)
Rémy Mbida Mbida (Institut des Relations Internationales du Cameroun)
Cooperation between the African Union, United Nations, Europe and China in Peace Keeping in Africa and its consequences on development

11.00 – 12.30 Fourth Panel: Health

Chair: Francesca Capone (Sant'Anna)
Francesco Gaudiosi (University of Campania 'Luigi Vanvitelli')
EU and China partnerships in Africa through One Health: recent developments to enforce global health security
Shisong Jiang (Chongqing University)
Navigating Divergence: The EU-China Split on the Pandemic Treaty and Implications for Africa (online)
Roberto Isibor (Bocconi University) & Caterina Coroneo (Hogan Lovells and AIA-Arbit-under 40)
The Future Of African Pharmaceutical Market Harmonization: A Compared Analysis Between The European And Chinese Approach To Ama Establishment

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch Break

13.30 – 15.00 Fifth Panel: Foreign Investments

Chair: Kevin Koehler (Sant'Anna)
Elisa Gambino (University of Manchester) and Costanza Franceschini (University of Milano-Bicocca)
Beyond state-backed funding: Multiple embeddedness and the Internationalization of Chinese state-owned contractors in Africa
Marco Bonaglia, Lorenzo Riccardi, Alberto Di Minin, Antonio Frisoli (Sant'Anna)
The impact of Chinese megaprojects and tourism in strengthening relations between Africa and China. An analysis through case studies
Jennifer H. Mike (American University of Nigeria)
Africa and China Debt-Trap Diplomacy: Implications for Human Rights in the Continent
Giuseppe Tesoriere (United Nations Economic Commission for Africa)
Supporting rapid urbanization in Africa: how we can reimagine the future Chinese investments (online)

15.00 – 15.45 Coffee Break

15.45 – 17.15 Sixth Panel: Free Trade Agreements

Chair: Lorenzo Gasbarri (Sant'Anna)
Andrea Mensi (University of Bologna)
Close but no cigar: the EPA between the EU and Kenya in the light of the international law on indigenous rights and natural resources
Kong Qingjiang & Wang Chuqing
Towards a Non-reciprocal Africa-China Free Trade Agreement? (online)
Regis Y Simo (Queen's University of Belfast)
Enter the Dragon: China's Free Trade Agreement's Approach in Africa and Implications on the Continental Integration
Monika Negi (National Law University, Delhi)
From Decolonisation to Neo-Colonialism: An Examination of EU-Africa Economic Partnership Agreements (online)

17.15 – 17.30 Conclusion

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