

# Development Beyond Aid

## Financialization and Socio-Political Change in Africa's Global Infrastructure

International Workshop at the University of Bayreuth | 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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### Workshop Programme

#### 7<sup>th</sup> June

Arrival

7 pm Informal Dinner

#### 8<sup>th</sup> June

9:00 am Arrival

9:15–10:00 am Welcome by Organizers and Introduction

10:00–12:00 am **Session 1: Changing Sources and Cultures of International Finance**

- Raoul Bunskoek (University of Bayreuth): *Assessing the nature of Chinese-styled financial lending for infrastructure investments in Africa – a cultural historical approach*
- James Musonda (University of Liege): *Vendanta, Konkola Copper Mines and Indian investment in Zambia*
- Remadji Hoinathy (University of N'Djamena): *Governance and finance in the 'Newcomers' of African oil*

12:00–1:00 pm Lunch

1:00–3:00 pm **Session 2: Convergence and Divergence among Chinese and African Labour Norms**

- Thomas McNamara (La Trobe University): *The "Emic Chinese" and opportunities for labour based resistance in Zambia*
- Miriam Driessen (Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy): *Fashioning labourers, Chinese labour in Ethiopian road construction*
- Mia Yifan Yang (University of Bayreuth): *Travelling models of labour regulation in Chinese projects in West Africa*

3:00–3:30 pm Afternoon Tea

- 3:30–5:30 pm      **Session 3: Conflict, Governance and Investment in Insecure Environments**
- Jana Hönke (University of Bayreuth): *Infrastructure globalities: Chinese companies and emerging practices at the African frontier*
  - Franka Vaughan (University of Melbourne): *Conflicts, economics and identity construction in Liberia*
  - Asenath Maboe (Kisii University): *Trade: Hard or soft infrastructure? China's Maritime Silk Road initiative and what it means for Kenya*

7 pm                      **Conference Dinner**

## 9th June

- 9:00–12:00 am      **Session 4: Development Projects and International Concepts**
- Andrew Tang (La Trobe University): *Solidarity/development: The case of the MST agro-ecology campaign in Zambia*
  - Han Cheng (Chinese Academy of Sciences): *Grounding China's Belt and Road Initiative*
  - Matthew Mabefam (University of Melbourne): *Finance-induced unemployment in Ghana*
  - Andrea Behrends (University of Bayreuth): *Travelling models: Actors and institutions of development in Africa*

12:00–2:30 pm      **Lunch**

2:30–4:00 pm      **Closing Discussion**

Key points:

- Similarities and themes among studies of South-South investment
- Differences between “China in Africa” and other non-DAC nations
- Opportunities and challenges for African governments, labour and civil society
- Opportunities for reconsidering the role of the Global North in Development