



International conference

China's quest for African resources: the new scramble or strategic partnership?

Wroclaw University, Wroclaw, Poland 14-15 December 2009

Call for Papers

The two-day international conference organized by the **Institute of International Studies, Wroclaw University** in cooperation with **Fatal Transactions** coalition will explore various issues concerning the growing engagement of China in Africa with regards to natural resources. The China's appetite for Africa's minerals have risen many concerns among academics, NGOs and Western politicians. It has equally brought hopes for the continent's long-awaited development and poverty alleviation. The conference seeks to provide a platform for academics, NGOs and politicians to confront their views on the China's venture in Africa, its benefits and costs, political and economic ramifications for the continent's future.

Conference themes

The conference steering committee, chaired by prof. dr hab. Elżbieta Stadtmüller, welcomes paper proposals that fall into four following themes:

1. Geopolitical rivalries for African natural resources: West versus Asia's emerging giants (China and India)
2. Economic impact of China's expansion into Africa: micro/macro perspective
3. China's policy vis-à-vis democracy, state reforms and human rights in Africa
4. Country case studies of China's rising role in Africa

Proposals for 15-minute papers should include the name, affiliation, and contact details (including email address) as well as abstract and paper title (max 350 words). Proposals should be sent to:

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Deadlines and timetable

31 July 2009	Deadline for submitting the paper proposals
15 August 2009	Notification about acceptance/decline of the paper
1 October 2009	Conference program goes live
15 November 2009	Deadline for submitting the papers
14-15 December 2009	The conference
31 December 2009	Deadline for submitting revised papers
30 June 2010	Publishing of selected papers in an edited volume

Registration

No registration fee is charged. The participants whose papers have been accepted by the steering committee will be offered accommodation (3 nights) and meals. International guests may apply for travel costs reimbursement.

Conference language is English. Detailed program will be available in due course on the website: www.ism.uni.wroc.pl

Contact

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