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Full-time Work Experience

Tsinghua University, Beijing

October 2012-present

Chair and Professor, Department of International Relations

(Assistant Professor before 2014, Associate Professor before 2020)

Carnegie-Tsinghua Center for Global Policy, Beijing

June 2013-October 2021

Deputy Director and Resident Scholar

International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington D.C.

July 2011-October 2012

Senior Research Assistant

Other Positions

Center for International Strategy and Security Tsinghua University, Beijing

Research fellow

May 2019-present

Johns Hopkins University SAIS, Washington D.C.

Sept. 2015-present

Affiliated Researcher for “China Africa Research Initiative”

Sister Cities International, Washington D.C.

April 2012-March 2014

Consultant for “Sino-African Initiative”

Management System International, Washinton D.C.

Feb. 2010 – June 2010

Associate for China Governance Analysis, funded by USAID

The World Bank , Washington D.C.

Oct. 2009 –Jan. 2010

Short-term Consultant, International Trade Department

Education:

The New School for Social Research, New York, USA

Jan. 2005 –May 2011

Ph.D. Philosophy Department

University of Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany

Oct.1999 – July 2004

Magister (equivalent to M.A.) in Philosophy

Fudan University, Shanghai, China

Sept. 1993 – July 1997

Bachelor in International Business Management

Monograph

Coevolutionary Pragmatism: Approaches and Impacts of China-Africa Economic Cooperation

Cambridge University Press, 2020

China-Africa Economic Diplomacy and Its Implication to Global Value Chain, (In Chinese)

World Knowledge Publishers Beijing, September 2014

Selected Peer reviewed Journal Articles:

“Challenging norms or opening possibilities?: China’s vision and practice of international development finance” with Ben Norton,(upcoming) *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*

“Quánqiú Nánfāng Juéqǐ Zhōng de Gǔdiǎn yǔ Xiàndài — Yǐ Zhōngguó Shì Xiàndàihuà wéi Ànli de Sīsuǒ” [Classical and Modern in the Rise of the Global South: Reflections on Chinese-Style Modernization as a Case Study]” *Xiandai Zhongguo yu Shijie* [Contemporary China and the World] Issue 1, 2025, pp. 26-35, February 2025

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“China’s Promotion of Knowledge Diffusion in Africa-- A case study on Ethiopia’s manufacturing Sector”, *Journal of Contemporary China*, <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10670564.2024.2304553> January 2024

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“Zhongdi shouru guojia guoji zhaiquan kunjing: Weihai, chengyin jisikao” [International Bond Predicament of Low-and Middle-Income Countries:Risks, Causes and Reflections] with Ying Haifeng, *Guoji Jingji Hezuong* [International Economic Cooperation] No. 3, pp. 33-46 May 2023

“Jihuo feizhou gongyehua: Yidaiyilu nengdailai shenme” [Energize Africa’s industrialization: How can BRI help?], *Wenhua Zongheng* [Beijing Cultural Review], No. 4, pp. 23-31, August 2022

“Economic transformation in Africa: What is the role of Chinese firms?”, with Linda Calabrese, *Journal of International Development*, DOI: 10.1002/jid.3664 May 2022

“Adaptation, innovation, and industrialization: the impact of Chinese investments on skill development in the Zambian and Malawian cotton sectors” , *Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/14765284.2021.1943734 June 2021

“Chinese Economic and Trade Cooperation Zones in Africa” , in *The Oxford Handbook of Industrial Hubs and Economic Development*, Chapter 48, pp. 950-966, Oxford, UK, July 2020

“Coevolutionary Pragmatism: Re-examine “China Model” and its impact on the developing countries”, *Journal of Contemporary China*, 29:126, 853-870 DOI:10.1080/10670564.2020.1744381 March 2020

“Cong zhengfu tuidong zouxiang shechang zhudao: haiwai chanyeyuanqu de kechixu fazhanlujing” [From Government-driven to Market -led: Approaches for Sustainable Development of Overseas Industrial Zones] *Waijiao Pinglun* [Foreign Affairs Review] No. 6, pp. 39-61 November 2019

“Time Perception and Industrialization: Divergence and Convergence of Work Ethics in Chinese Enterprises in Africa”, with Janet Eom, *China Quarterly*, 238(2019), 461–481, Cambridge, UK, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S030574101800142X> June 2019

“What Kinds of Chinese ‘Geese’ Are Flying to Africa? Evidence from Chinese Manufacturing Firms”, with Deborah Brautigam and Ying Xia, *Journal of African Economies*, Volume 27, Issue suppl_1, Pages i29–i51, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jae/ejy013>

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“Zhongri zai Dongnanya Zhanlue Jingzheng Xiaoguo Pinggu” [Evaluation of Effects of Strategic Competition between China and Japan in Southeast Asia], with Yaoyin, in *Guoji Zhengzhi Kexue [Quarterly Journal of International Politics]* Tsinghua University Press, Beijing, China, 2017/3, Vol. 37, pp. 147-173

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“Does Chinese Employment Benefit Africans? Investigating Chinese Enterprises and their Operations in Africa”, *African Studies Quarterly* | Volume 16, Issue 3-4, pp.107-128, <http://www.africa.ufl.edu/asq/v16/v16i3-4a8.pdf>

December 2016

“Social Responsibility or Development Responsibility? What is the Environmental Impact of Chinese Investments in Africa: What are its Drivers, and What are the Possibilities for Action?”, with Irene Yuan Sun, *Cornell International Law Journal*, Vol. 49, No. 1, pp.69-99,

May 2016

“Zhongguo Haiwai Touzi Yu Touzi Jianguan: Yi Zhongguo Duifei Touzi Weili” [China’s Overseas Investment and Investment Supervision: A Case Study of Chinese Investment in Africa], with Xiong Xinghan, *Waijiao Pinglun [Foreign Affairs Review]*, Vol.32, No.3, pp. 26-45,

May 2015

“Going Global in Groups: China’s Special Economic Zones Overseas”. With Deborah Brautigam, *World Development*, Vol. 63, pp.78-91,

November 2014

“Models of Chinese Engagement in Africa’s Extractive Sectors and Their Implications”, *Environment: Science and Policy for Sustainable Development*, 56:2, London, UK pp. 27-30,

February 2014

“Zhongguo Dui Feizhou Nongye Yuanzhu Xingshi De Yanbian Jiqi Xiaoguo” [The Transformation and Effects of Chinese Agricultural Aid to Africa] in *Shijie Jingji Yu Zhengzhi [World Economics And Politics]*, 2013.5, Beijing China, pp.4-18,

May 2013

“Economic statecraft in China’s new overseas special economic zones: soft power, business or resource security? With Deborah Brautigam, *International Affairs* 88: 4, Oxford, UK, pp. 799-816,

July 2012

“African Shenzhen: China’s Special Economic Zones in Africa”, with Deborah Brautigam, *The Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol 49 No. 1, pp 27-54

January 2011

“Zhongguo Zai Feizhou de Jingmao Hezuoqu Fazhan Qianxi” [A Brief Analysis of China’s Economic and Trade Cooperation Zones in Africa], *Xiya Feizhou [West Asia and Africa]: A Journal of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences*, Beijing, China, pp. 17-22

November 2010

“Zhongguo-Angela Jingji Hezuo Xinmoshi de Yingxiang yu Tiaozhan” [The influence and challenge of the new Sino-Angola economic cooperation model], *Xiya Feizhou [West Asia and Africa]: A Journal of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences*, Beijing, China, pp. 55-61

July 2010

“Bulldozer or Locomotive – the impact of Chinese enterprises on the local employment market in Angola”, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, Vol 45 No. 3, pp. 350-368, Boston, USA, June 2010

“China’s Engagement in African Agriculture”, with Deborah Brautigam, *China Quarterly*, Vol 199, Cambridge, UK, pp. 686-706 September 2009

Selected Other Publications

How Is China’s Economic Transition Affecting Its Relations With Africa? With Usman Zainab, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, May 2024

The Trap of Financial Capital: The Impact of International Bonds on the Debt Sustainability of Developing Countries, Research Report, Tsinghua University, Beijing August 2022

Africa’s economic transformation: the role of Chinese investment, Synthesis Report, Overseas Development Institute, London, UK, with Linda Calabrese June 2020

“NEW STRUCTURAL ECONOMICS: Laying the groundwork for theoretical reflection on China–Africa engagement” in *New Directions in Africa–China Studies*; edited by Chris Alden and Daniel Large, Routledge, London, UK, pp.290-297 April 2018

“China’s Special Economic Zones: Best Practices for Industrial Cooperation between China and Africa”, in *Forum on China-Africa Cooperation Industrialisation & Agricultural Modernisation*; edited by Funeka Yazini April et al., Africa Institute of South Africa, Pretoria, pp. 14-29. 2018

Discussion Paper “Chinese investment in Ghana’s manufacturing sector”, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), No. 01628, Washington DC, USA March 2017

“China’s and India’s Economic Engagement in Africa: Similar Patterns, Different Dynamics”, *China Quarterly of International Strategic Studies*, Vol. 2, No. 2, 239–257, 2016/2, DOI: 10.1142/S2377740016500135, with Mao Keji

“Learning from China?: Manufacturing, investment, and technology transfer in Nigeria”, IFPRI Discussion Paper 01565, October 2016, <https://www.ifpri.org/publication/learning-china-manufacturing-investment-and-technology-transfer-nigeria>, with Yunnan Chen, Irene Yuan Sun, Rex Uzonna Ukaejiofo, Deborah Brautigam.

“Review of 2016: Rising Trend of Anti-Globalization, Difficulty in Implementing Measures”, Guangming Wang Theory, 2016-11-29, http://theory.gmw.cn/2016-11/29/content_23136988.htm

“Problem of Labor Relations May Affect the Sino-African Diplomatic Ties” [Laozi Guanxi Wenti Yingxiang Zhongfei Waijiao Daju], *African Studies* 2015/1, Zhejiang Sept. 2015

“Assessing the Impact of Chinese Investment on Southeast Africa’s Cotton: Moving up the Value Chain?”, *The SAIS CHINA AFRICA RESEARCH INITIATIVE Policy Brief*, No. 6, February 2015

The Impact of Asian Investment on Africa's Textile Industries, Carnegie-Tsinghua Center for Global Policy (<http://carnegietsinghua.org/publications/?fa=56320>) August 2014

Investissements chinois dans l'industrie textile tanzanienne et zambienne", *Afrique Contemporaine*, Vol 250 pp.119-136 (in French) 2014

"Coopération agricole chinoise en Afrique subsaharienne", with Jean-Jacques Gabas, *Perspective :Stratégies de Développement*, No. 26(in French) February 2014

"Export of Chinese Housing Model", in *The China Lab Guide to Megablock Urbanisms*, Columbia University GSAPP, 2014

Discussion Paper "An Overview of Chinese Agricultural and Rural Engagement in Tanzania", with Deborah Brautigarm, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), No. 01214, Washington DC, USA October 2012

Discussion Paper "An Overview of Chinese Agricultural and Rural Engagement in Ethiopia", with Deborah Brautigarm, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), No. 01185, Washington DC, USA May 2012

"Wenhua Chongtu Shiyezhong de Landuo yu Qinfen"[Laziness and Diligence Through the Viewpoint of Cultural Conflicts], in *Wenhua Shiye [Beijing Cultural Review]* , pp 47-49 August 2011

"China's Investment in Africa's Special Economic Zones", with Deborah Brautigarm, in Thomas Farole and Gokhan Akinci, eds, *Special Economic Zones: Progress, Emerging Challenges, and Future Directions* The World Bank, Washington, DC, USA pp.69-100 2011

Research Grants

Operating model of Islamic finance
China Export-Import Bank, Principal Investigator 2024/03-2024/10

Revitalizing the China-Ethiopia Strategic Partnership: Ideas and Practices
China Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Principal Investigator 2023/3-2023/10

The impact of international bonds on the sustainability of sovereign debt in developing countries
China Export-Import Bank, Principal Investigator 2022/03-2022/08

A Critical Study of the Western Development Model
National Social Science Fund, Principal Investigator 2021/10-2024/10

Coevolving Synergism between Chinese-financed Infrastructure and Industrial Investments
China Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Principal Investigator 2019/5-2020/11

Environment Impact Assessment and Study of Water Environment Policy Management in Selected African Countries (Uganda, Gabon, Ghana)
China Ministry of Environment, Principal Investigator 2019/5-2019/11

Water Environment Study in Selected African Countries (Kenya, Ethiopia)
China Ministry of Environment, Principal Investigator 2018/6-2018/11

Study of Models and Strategies of Overseas Industrial Parks
China Ministry of Education, Principal Investigator 2016/7-2019/7

Study of Sino-US Development Cooperation in Africa
China Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Principal Investigator 2016/3-2016/10

Research on Sino-African Cooperation of Developing New Models of SEZs 2015/7-2015/12

China Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Principal Investigator

Policy Research on Incorporating and Implementing Environmental, Climate change,
Cultural, and Social Safeguards in Chinese firms' operations in Africa, 2014/9-2014/12
African Development Bank, Principal Investigator

Investigation of Labor Relations in the Chinese Enterprises in Africa 2014/1-2014/8
China Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Principal Investigator

Industrialization and Cross-border Water Development in Southeast Asia 2014/1-2014/12
German Boell Foundation, Principal Investigator

Impact of Asian Investments on the Textile Industries in Southeast Africa 2013/6-2013/12
German Boell Foundation, Principal Investigator

Carnegie-Tsinghua Center for Global Policy, Research Grant 2013-2019
Tsinghua University Research Grant 2012-2013
The City University of New York, Adjunct Professional Development Funds 2010
Indian China Institute, The New School, Student Fellowship 2006-2007

Languages

Chinese: native fluency

English and German: fluency in speaking and writing

French: proficiency in speaking and reading

Ancient Greek and Latin: proficiency in reading

Spanish and Portuguese: proficiency in reading, conversational knowledge in speaking