

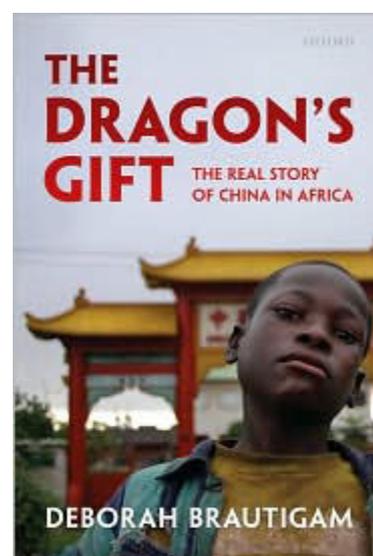
The OECD Development Centre invites you to an informal seminar on

CHINA IN AFRICA: SEPARATING MYTH FROM REALITY

a presentation and debate of Professor Deborah Brautigam's
The Dragon's Gift: The Real Story of China in Africa

Tuesday 23rd February, 10am-12.30pm

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Through its annual *African Economic Outlook*, the OECD Development Centre is monitoring China's increased presence in Africa as both a trade and development partner. At the same time, we are questioning the true costs and benefits for Africa. This informal seminar will convene expert voices from both sides of the argument on the occasion of the Paris presentation of Professor Deborah Brautigam's new book, *The Dragon's Gift: The Real Story of China in Africa*.

In Dr. Brautigam's book, she dismantles rumours and speculation that cast China as a categorically negative and exploitative presence on the continent. A panel of OECD experts will react, considering everything from the role of traditional donors to the legal and governance issues of partnering with new players. What is the long-term view for Africa? What are the implications for traditional donors? What policy and regulatory frameworks should African governments adopt to guard against and benefit from these new relationships? The Europe, Middle East and Africa Desk of the Centre convenes this expert panel to pick apart the issues and separate the challenges from the opportunities for African development.

Speakers: **Deborah Brautigam**, Professor, American University
Michael Laird, Senior Policy Analyst, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate
Helmut Reisen, Head of Research, OECD Development Centre

About the Speakers

Deborah Brautigam is the author of *Chinese Aid and African Development* (1998), *Aid Dependence and Governance* (2000), and coeditor of *Taxation and State-Building in Developing Countries* (2008). A long-time observer of Asia and Africa, she has lived in China, West Africa and Southern Africa, and travelled extensively across both regions as a Fulbright researcher and consultant for the World Bank, the UN, and other development agencies. Ms. Brautigam holds a PhD from Tufts University and is a professor in the International Development Program at American University's School of International Service in Washington, DC.

Michael Laird is a Senior Policy Analyst in the OECD Development Co-operation Directorate where he co-ordinates the work of the DAC Network on Poverty Reduction (POVNET) and the China-DAC Study Group, a joint venture with the International Poverty Reduction Centre in China (IPRCC). Previously, Mr Laird contributed to the preparation of peer reviews of DAC members' development co-operation policies and programmes and was lead author of the OECD/DAC report on *Managing Aid: Practices of DAC Member Countries* (2005). He holds degrees from the Australian National University and the University of Brussels.

Helmut Reisen is Head of Research of the OECD Development Centre and is contributing a chapter on *The Macroeconomics of Shifting Wealth* to the first OECD Global Development Outlook, to be published in 2010. His recent work includes analysis of the global reserve currency system, the global credit crisis, sovereign wealth funds and China's economic impact on poor countries. Mr. Reisen is the author of several books, including *Pensions, Savings, and Capital Flows: From Ageing to Emerging Markets* and *The Rise of China and India: What's in it for Africa?*. Mr. Reisen holds a PhD from Cologne University and is a Professor of International Economics at the University of Basel.

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