



## **International conference:**

### **China in Africa and Africa in China - Impact on local societies, economies and cultures**

Date: 12-13 December 2019

Venue: Het Pand, Onderbergen 1, 9000 Ghent

#### **Thursday 12 December 2019 [Refter]**

20h00 – Meet the author: Stefan Blommaert interviews Lieve Joris on her experiences across Africa & China + music by Chinese & African artists (Hung Shao-Huan & Bao Sissokho)

22h00: Reception

#### **Friday 13 December 2019**

8h30-9h00: Registration & coffee

9h00-9h15: Welcome by the Presidents of the UGent Africa Platform & China Platform, and the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences [Refter]

9h15-9h45: Keynote lecture by Jochen Becker (metroZones – Center for Urban Affairs- Berlin) [Refter]

*Chinafrika. under construction – On artistic research*

9h45-10h15: Guest lecture by Andreas Velthuizen (University of South Africa) [Refter]

*Beyond silencing the guns: towards a new architecture for peace and security in Africa*

10h15-10h45: Coffee break



10h45-12h45: Session 1

Priorzaal – Chair: Bart Dessein
Olivia Gieskes (University of Edinburgh) <i>“The Chinese can teach us how to live healthy lives”: an ethnography of the legitimacy of Chinese medical cooperation in Rwanda</i>
Lin Chen (KU Leuven & Vrije Universiteit Brussels) <i>Constructing Africanism on Campus Across Digital Borders – in China and Beyond</i>
Mingqing Yuan (University of Bayreuth) <i>The Myth of Zheng He: (Re)discovering China and East Africa Encounters in Literary Narratives</i>
Zhenzhen Rong (Ghent University) <i>The public trust system as a means to advance ecological restoration: what lessons to be learnt from African and Chinese experiences?</i>
Stacey Links (Leiden University ) <i>Challenging or furthering universalism? Third Party States and Human rights in Sino-African relations: A call to decentre and reclaim universalism</i>
Vidhan Pathak & Sandipani Dash (University of Delhi) <i>Afro-Asian World Views: The Study of Ubuntu and Confucian Communitarianism</i>

Oude Infirmerie – Chair: Patrick Van Damme
Tom Ogwang (University of Groningen) <i>Resources-for-Infrastructure Deals in Sub-Saharan Africa: An analysis of Chinese activities in Uganda</i>
Ibrahima Niang (University of Dakar) <i>Mobility, space and culture: Chinese presence and the reconfiguration of urban space in Dakar, Senegal</i>
Elisa Gambino (University of Edinburgh) <i>Chinese participation in Kenyan transport infrastructure projects: reshaping local power-geometries?</i>
Xavier Aurégan (Catholic University of Lille) <i>Africa's future infrastructure will be Chinese: the Chinese contribution to financing and infrastructure realization in Africa</i>
Youcef Hamitouche (University Algiers) <i>The rise of Chinese interests in North Africa: The case of Algeria and Morocco</i>
Mariasole Pepa (University of Padova) <i>Chinese agricultural technology demonstration centers in Africa, and the need\call for new perspectives</i>

12h45-13h30: Lunch



13h30-14h00: Keynote lecture by Chris Alden (London School of Economics) [Refter]

*China and Africa's Brave New World*

14h00-14h30: Keynote lecture by Zhengli Huang (University of Sheffield) [Refter]

*Chinese-financed infrastructure and the reshaping of African cities*

14h30-15h00: Guest lecture by Philippe Tunamsifu Shirambere (Université Libre des Pays des Grands Lacs, Goma) [Refter]

*DR Congo-China deals on construction of roads in exchange of mines*

15h00-15h30: Coffee break

15h30-17h30: Session 2

Priorzaal – Chair: Bart Dessein
Jan-Pieter Laleman (Credendo) <i>Official Chinese lending and the impact on country risk: A focus on Sub-Saharan Africa</i>
Artur Colom-Jaén (University of Valencia) <i>Emerging approaches to economic development in Africa: the Chinese factor</i>
Nicholas Jepson (University of Manchester)a <i>Debt, Sovereignty and Development Along China's Belt and Road</i>
Clayton Hazvinei Vhumbunu (University of KwaZulu-Natal) <i>Locating Africa in the Geo-Politics and Geo-Economics of China's Global Leadership Vision and Aspiration</i>
Atetwe Ezekiel (Peking University) <i>Is the China model a Development Elixir for Africa?</i>
Wei-Hong Zhang (Ghent University) <i>Challenges and benefits of implementing an international collaborative research project in China</i>

Oude Infirmierie – Chair: Patrick Van Damme
Michèle Deneffe (Department Asia and co-desk China, Asia Directorate, Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs) <i>"China and Africa"- Evaluation and Perspectives from the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>
Geert Laporte (European Centre for Development Policy Management) <i>China and Europe in Africa: Where can the von der Leyen Commission make a difference?</i>
Helena Moradi (Tsinghua School of Law) <i>Hegemony and the Chinese Non-Interference Policy in Africa</i>
Yue Zhao (Georg-August-University) <i>Wood flows under political crisis – A case study of rosewood exports from Madagascar to China</i>
Abdou Rahim Lema (Peking University) <i>Sino-African Security Relations: A Challenge to China's Non-Interference Policy?</i>
George Angelopulo (University of South Africa) <i>Mapping connectivity in the relationship between Africa and China</i>

17h45: Closing remarks by Bart Dessein (Ghent University) [Refter]