

## 7th Annual Conference – April 6-May 18, 2021

### Speaker Biographies

#### Panel 6: Changing modalities and case studies of Chinese finance

Tuesday, May 11, 9am EDT



**Harry NICHOLLS** is currently a research analyst at Development Reimagined. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Mandarin Chinese and International Relations and has just graduated with a Master's degree in Chinese political economy from the London School of Economics. He has previous experience in investment banking and international development, and alongside his work at Development Reimagined, he is the editor of the daily strategic briefing service, China Big Idea.



**Henry TUGENDHAT** is a 6th Year Ph.D. student at Johns Hopkins University, SAIS. Henry specializes in Chinese telecommunications in Africa and has conducted fieldwork in Kenya and Nigeria. His work has been published in the Guardian, World Development and the China Africa Research Initiative. Henry is also a Senior Policy Analyst at the US Institute of Peace, and previously worked at the World Bank's Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment team, SAIS-CARI's loans database, and the Institute for Development Studies (UK). Henry has lived and worked in China for three years and holds a M.Sc. from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London and a B.A. from the University of Leeds. Henry speaks Mandarin, French, Spanish, and Portuguese.



**Julia VOO** is a Cyber Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. She leads the team behind Belfer's National Cyber Power Index. She was formerly the Research Director for the China Cyber Policy Initiative. Her areas of research concern geotech strategy

including the Digital Silk Road, industrial policy, and technical standards for strategic technologies. Voo has research affiliations with the Future of Humanity Institute (Oxford), the Hague Program for Cyber Norms (Leiden), and the China-Africa Research Initiative (Johns Hopkins). A 2019 graduate of Harvard Kennedy School's mid-career Master in Public Administration program, Julia served earlier at the British Embassy in Beijing where she covered China's cyber and artificial intelligence policy from a commercial perspective, technical standards, and other trade policy issues. She lived in Beijing for seven years with stints at the EU Delegation to China, Carnegie-Tsinghua Centre for Global Policy, and she has spent time at the UK's Cabinet Office.

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**Pritish BEHURIA** is a Lecturer/Assistant Professor in Politics, Governance and Development at The University of Manchester's Global Development Institute. He has previously worked as a Hallsworth Research Fellow in Manchester, as an LSE Fellow in International Development at The London School of Economics and Political Science and as a Senior Teaching Fellow at SOAS, University of London. His work operates at the intersection of international political economy and development studies, examining the politics of structural change under 21st century globalisation, with extensive research experience in India, as well as Eastern and Southern Africa. He is also the Reviews Editor of The Journal of Development Studies and the co-founder of the Politics and Political Economy Study Group at The Development Studies Association.

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**Zhengli HUANG** holds a PhD from Tongji University, Shanghai. She has worked as Research Associate at the University of Sheffield in the UK and the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She was also a Luce Visiting Scholar in Trinity College in the US. She has rich fieldwork experience through working in UN-Habitat's slum upgrading projects, her role as Project Manager in building a school in Nairobi's informal settlements, and various research projects on Chinese infrastructure development in Africa. Her work focuses on African urbanization and China's impact on urban development, especially on housing, urban governance and development finance, and geographically covering Ethiopia and the East African Region. Zhengli is currently based in Nairobi, Kenya.

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**Hong ZHANG** is a PhD candidate in public policy at the Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University. Her research interests include Chinese political economy, developmental state, China's international development engagement and foreign aid, and the global expansion of China's "national champion" state-owned enterprises. She is a member of the editorial team of the Made in China Journal. Previously, she worked as a reporter with China's Caixin Media where she covered Chinese economy and international affairs.

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**Hannah RYDER** is the CEO of Development Reimagined, a pioneering international development consultancy in China, advising in particular: Chinese businesses how to invest in Africa sustainably; sustainable African businesses how to enter the Chinese market; and working with governments, UN bodies and NGOs to strengthen their China–Africa policies. A former diplomat and economist with close to 20 years of experience, she is also Senior Associate at the Center for Strategic International Studies, sits on the Executive Board of the British Chamber of Commerce in China, and has played various advisory roles for the UN.

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**Kevin ACKER** is SAIS-CARI's Research Manager, where his research focuses on China's overseas lending and debt relief. He is a 2019 M.A. graduate of China studies and Economics at Johns Hopkins SAIS, having spent the first year of this program at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center. He previously worked in international education and consulting. He holds a B.A. in Economics and China Studies from Binghamton University.