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Speaker Biographies

Panel 7: What is the impact of Chinese lending?

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Hervé LADO is an economist with a focus on political economy. He currently serves as the Guinea Country Manager for Natural Resource Governance Institute (NRGI), a New York-based non-profit policy institute that works with governments and civil societies to promote a responsible management of extractive resources. Prior to NRGI, Hervé has worked for the research program Companies and Development at ESSEC Business School (France), conducting field research on oil companies' contribution to sustainable development of Nigerian communities. In 2014, he joined a large hydropower plant project in Cameroon to provide technical assistance on social impacts. In the past, Hervé also served as economic and trade advisor within the French economic diplomacy network in Africa. Hervé is professor of CSR and economics, and has authored publications on the role of corporations in Africa's development. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and a master in finance and strategy from Sciences Po Paris.



Keyi TANG is a second-year Ph.D. student at Johns Hopkins SAIS. She studies the political economy of development, with a regional focus on sub-Saharan Africa. Her work on impact evaluation of China-financed hydropower infrastructure in Ghana has been recently published in the journal Energy Policy. She has also done field research on policy diffusion of Special Economic Zones in Ethiopia and Vietnam. She holds an M.A. in international studies from the Hopkins-Nanjing Center and a B.A. in English Language and Literature from Nanjing University.



Vito AMENDOLAGINE is a Tenure Track Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Foggia (Italy). His research is focused on international trade and development economics, with particular attention to foreign direct investments in Sub-Saharan African economies and technological investments from emerging markets. He has got a MSc in Economics and Econometrics from the University of Essex, a PhD in Economics from the University of Bari, and a PhD in Economics from the University of Glasgow. He has working experience with UNIDO, London School of Economics, Aalborg University, University of Pavia and Bari.



Jonathan MUNEMO is an Associate Professor of Economics at Salisbury University. He earned his PhD in Economics from West Virginia University in 2005. He has several years of professional experience with leading international organizations and has taught at multiple institutions in the past. Jonathan is an applied econometrician whose primary areas of interest include international trade, development finance, business regulations, and entrepreneurship. His most recent research examines the impact of African Resource Rents on Entrepreneurship and it is published in *Small Business Economics* (SBEJ).



Marvellous NGUNDU is a Ph.D. graduate in Economics from University of Johannesburg, South Africa (2020). He also holds Mcom in Financial Economics from Great Zimbabwe University, Zimbabwe (2015) and Bcom (Honours) in Banking and Finance from Midlands State University, Zimbabwe (2012). His research interests include; i) China's economic activities in Africa, ii) Growth and Development issues affecting sub-Saharan Africa, iii) Finance, Investment, Development, and International Economics. Marvellous has several publications in rated journals and conference presentations on the Economic Growth and Development effects of Chinese Economic activities in sub-Saharan Africa. He is a 2020/2021 Research Fellow at the China Africa Research Initiative at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS-CARI). Marvellous is also a guest reviewer for various journals.



Yoon Jung PARK, PhD is the Associate Director of the China Africa Research Initiative and an international scholar and leader in the growing field of China/Africa studies. Dr Park is the author of *A Matter of Honour – Being Chinese in South Africa* (Jacana/Lexington Books). Her research focuses on ethnic Chinese in southern Africa and perceptions of Chinese people by local communities, centering on migration, race/ethnicity/identity, race/class/power, gender, affirmative action, and xenophobia. Dr Park has affiliations at the Sociology Department at Rhodes University (South Africa) and African Studies at Georgetown University (Washington, DC). In addition to her research, writing, and teaching, she is a co-founder and Executive Director of the Chinese in Africa/Africans in China (CA/AC) Research Network, an international China-Africa network.