

Entering the 21st century, China has pursued an increasingly pro-active diplomacy in Africa, as exemplified by the newly elected President Xi Jinping's visit of three African countries during his first trip overseas. China's diplomacy in Africa triggered intense discussion and even controversies among scholars and pundits all over the world. How should we interpret China's diplomatic offense in Africa? What kind of national image does China's engagement in Africa create: a development partner or a neo-colonialist? Is China's diplomacy in Africa just motivated by economic needs or also by some strategic considerations? This timely international symposium assembles a group of prominent scholars both at home and abroad to discuss the various aspects of China's policy in Africa and its implications for the world.



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