

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

China-Latin America and the Caribbean: Assessment and Outlook

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

8:00-8:30: Registration and Welcome

8:30-9:00: Introductory Remarks

- Presentation of the Symposium: Sophie WINTGENS (Cevipol/AmericaS, ULB) and Thierry KELLNER (REPI/EASt, ULB)
- Presentation of AmericaS: Frédéric LOUAULT (Cevipol, ULB) and Serge JAUMAIN (Contemporary History Department, ULB)
- Presentation of EAST: Frederik PONJAERT (IEE-REPI/EASt, ULB) and Vanessa FRANGVILLE (Chinese Studies, ULB)

9:00-10:00: Keynote Speech

“China-Latin America: An European View” – Christian GHYMERS (President of IRELAC)

10:00-10:30: Coffee Break

10:30-12:30: Session 1 – China-Latin American and the Caribbean Relationships: What is at Stake?

Chair: Sebastian SANTANDER (Cefir, Université de Liège)

Speakers:

- “China’s Relationship with Latin America and the Caribbean: An Overview” – LIU Jianhua (City University of Macau, China)
- “La creciente complejidad de la relación ALC-China (2000-2018): retos y propuestas” – Enrique DUSSEL PETERS (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Mexico)
- “Is China’s economic expansion responsible for pushing Latin America back in the periphery of the World Economy?” – Jean-Christophe DEFRAIGNE (Université Saint-Louis UCLouvain, Belgique) and David VILLALOBOS (Louvain School of Management UCLouvain)
- “China and Latin American Relationship under Xi’s New Era” – CHEN Yuanting (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), China)
- “China y América del Sur: la re-significación de las relaciones bilaterales” – Rodrigo ÁLVAREZ VALDES (Universidad de Santiago de Chile (USACH), Chile)
- “No siempre todos ganan: las relaciones Sur-Sur de la República Popular China con los países del MERCOSUR” – Lincoln BIZZOZERO (Universidad de la República (UDELAR), Uruguay)

12:30-14:00: Lunch

14:00-15:30: Session 2 – Case Studies: China-South America

Chair: Frank MATTHEIS (IEE, ULB / GovInn, University of Pretoria, South Africa)

Speakers:

- “China’s South-South Cooperation Strategy in Latin America: The Case of Brazil” – Carmen AMADO MENDES (University of Coimbra (UC), Portugal)
- “China en la economía política internacional. La construcción de una estructura centro-periferia a través de un estudio de caso: las relaciones con Argentina 2003-2018” – Raúl BERNAL-MEZA (Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA), Argentina)
- “The Triangular Relationship of China, United States, and Venezuela” – Ana SOLIZ LANDIVAR DE STANGE (German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Germany)
- “Chinese trade and investments in Bolivia. South-South or dependency relations?” – Valeria Marina VALLE (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Mexico)

15:30-16:00: Coffee Break

16:00-17:30: Session 3 – Case Studies: China-Central America and the Caribbean

Chair: Kevin PARTHENAY (CERI-OPALC, Sciences Po)

Speakers:

- “Las relaciones China-América Central en el contexto de las tensiones sino-ruso-estadounidenses” – Carlos MURILLO ZAMORA (Universidad de Costa Rica (UCR), Costa Rica)
- “China-Costa Rica: una relación compleja” – Sophie WINTGENS (Cevipol/AmericaS, ULB)
- “Chine-Panama: nouveau pivot latino-américain de la Route de la Soie?” – Thierry KELLNER (REPI/EASt, ULB)
- “Les relations de la RPC avec Cuba, un cas spécial dans la Caraïbe” – Eric DUBESSET (Université de Bordeaux, France)

17:30-18:00: Concluding Remarks

Thierry KELLNER (REPI/EASt, ULB) and Sophie WINTGENS (Cevipol/AmericaS, ULB)

20:00: Dinner with the attendees