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Description: China has become a major economic force in Africa and maintains its most significant overseas military base on the continent. Interpretations of its engagement have ranged from China as a force for good for the continent, providing public infrastructure and enabling economic development, to China as a neo-colonial presence, intent on using "debtbook diplomacy" to subjugate Africa.

Join us to hear three leading Africa experts share their views and experiences and to get their answers to your questions.

Moderated by Prof. Michael Witt, INSEAD.

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W. Gyude Moore served as Liberia's Minister of Public Works with oversight over the construction and maintenance of public infrastructure from December 2014 to January 2018. Prior to that, Moore served as Deputy Chief of Staff to President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf and Head of the President's Delivery Unit. As one of the President's trusted advisors, he also played a crucial role in supporting President Sirleaf as Liberia responded to the West Africa Ebola outbreak. At CGD, Mr. Moore's policy analysis and research focus are governance, the financing of infrastructure, and Africa's response to the changing landscape of external actors. Mr. Moore is a lecturer at the University of Chicago's Harris School for Public Policy where he teaches a class on the role of infrastructure in foreign policy and international development. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Berea College and a Master's degree in Foreign Policy and International Security from Georgetown University.



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Lite Nartey's academic research seeks to demonstrate the business case for stakeholder engagement and the business case for international development. Her work in this area seeks to draw strategic and policy implications. She has worked with multinational extractive companies in oil, gas and mining, in different parts of Africa, as well as with nongovernmental organizations and with multilateral organizations. More recently, she has worked with different organizations on banking and mobile money adoption in West Africa. She received her PhD in Management from The Wharton School. She also holds a MPA in Public and Nonprofit Management and Policy from the Robert Wagner School of Public Service, as well as a MSc in Management from The Wharton School. She was formerly on the faculty of the Sonoco International Business Department, Darla Moore School of Business, at the University of South Carolina. She is originally from Ghana.



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Naunihal Singh is a scholar of African politics. He received his Ph.D. from Harvard University and has taught at the University of Notre Dame, the Air War College and the US Naval War College, where he is currently an assistant professor. His research and writing has been published or featured in the New York Times, Washington Post, the New Yorker, Foreign Policy, the Nation, Orbis and Political Research Quarterly. He is the author of a book called "Seizure of Power: The Strategic Logic of Military Coups."

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Professor Witt is an expert on doing business internationally. He teaches and researches at INSEAD and is an Associate in Research at Harvard's Reischauer Institute. Professor Witt has published widely on international international business, with a focus on the impact of deglobalization and geopolitics. His paper about de-globalization in the Journal of International Business Studies, is the most influential paper published in the journal in 2019. Professor Witt is the Programme Director of International Management in Asia Pacific. He has also worked with a range of firms in company-specific program and consulting engagements, usually with mid-level and top-level executives (including management boards). Professor Witt holds a Ph.D. and M.A. from Harvard University and an A.B. from Stanford University. He has lived in China, France, Germany, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, and the United States.

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