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Abstract

China's impressive economic growth and growing development activities overseas, particularly in the African continent, have spurred intense debate and criticism over its role as a rising power in international development. China is viewed in the West both as a threat, but also as a valuable potential partner in development cooperation. However, differences between Western and Chinese conceptions of foreign aid and development have complicated cooperation and understanding of China's development and aid structures. Further understanding of these differences is needed, in order to evaluate their implications for low-income countries, and for potential trilateral cooperation.

Dr ZhenKun Wang (BMEc) will respond, drawing on her own experience as a trade economist at the World Bank and the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

Biography

Jing Gu is the Convenor of the IDS Rising Powers in International Development Programme, and leads the programme's work on China and on Emerging Powers in African Economic development. Jing Gu has an interdisciplinary background in law, economics and international relations. She has extensive international experience in the field of governance, business and development. Jing carries out academic research, training and consultancy on business, governance and development for the UNDP, UNCTAD, African Development Bank, International Poverty Reduction Centre in China, MOFCOM, DFID, GIZ and NGOs such as the China-Africa Business Council.

