



The Social Science Research Council (SSRC), the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), and the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) are pleased to invite you to an off-the-record, expert-level discussion on:

Chinese Perspectives on Africa's Peace and Security Challenges: Views from the Field

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10:30 am – 3:00 pm EST

Security Council Report

1 Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, 21st Fl. (Main Entrance E. 47th St. between 2nd & 3rd Aves)

China continues to rapidly increase its participation in UN peace operations, and is becoming more involved in supporting peace operations and peacebuilding efforts in conflict affected areas, especially in Africa. With support from a joint SSRC-AFSC fellowship program, this group of Chinese scholars have recently returned from fieldwork in the DRC, Kenya, Zimbabwe and at the African Union where they looked at China's engagement in UN peace operations, regional partnerships, and the role that China's commercial interests can play in sustaining peace. This meeting will provide an opportunity for them to share research findings with a broad policy audience.

10:30 – 11:00

Welcome and Introductions

Tatiana Carayannis, Social Science Research Council
Liu Tiewa, Beijing Foreign Studies University
Jason Tower, American Friends Service Committee

11:00 – 12:30

Session 1: UN Peace Operations and Regional Partnerships

Cyril Obi, Social Science Research Council (Moderator)
Cheng Zilong, Fudan University
Hong Yang, Beijing Foreign Studies University
Xue Lei, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, (Discussant)
Asebe Regassa Debelo, Dille University (Ethiopia)/APN, (Discussant)

12:30 – 1:15

Light Lunch

1:15 – 2:45

Session 2: The Role of Business in Prevention and Sustaining Peace

Jason Tower, American Friends Service Committee (Moderator)
Liu Suwen, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation
Yang Jian, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation
Wang Duanyong, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies
Song Qing, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies
Qi Xin, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation (Discussant)
Rachel Madenyika, Quaker United Nations Office, (Discussant)

2:45-3:00

Closing Remarks/ Wrap up

Tatiana Carayannis, Social Science Research Council
The Social Science Research Council and American Friends Service Committee
China-Africa Peace and Security Research Fellowship



The China-Africa Knowledge Project (CAKP), an initiative of the Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum (CPPF) at the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) seeks to deepen understanding of China's engagement with the African region by situating emergent scholarship on China and Africa within broader scholarly and policy discourses about ongoing global transformations.

In the spring of 2016, the Social Science Research Council's China-Africa Knowledge Project (CAKP/CPPF) and African Peacebuilding Network (APN), in collaboration with the American Friends of Service Committee (AFSC), launched a pilot fellowship program for junior Chinese scholars conducting research on China's engagement with the United Nations in and relating to African peace and security issues. Six fellows, some advanced PhD candidates, others junior research staff of Chinese policy advisory bodies and/or junior faculty from China, conducted fieldwork in various locations in Africa during the summer of 2016.

Given the recent emphasis of the UN High Level Independent Panel on UN Peace Operations on regional partnerships and China's 2015 announcement of the creation of a massive \$1 billion fund of support to UN peace operations and pledge of \$100 million for the African Union's peace efforts, some of the research papers undertaken within the research fellowship explore key issues in United Nations-African Union cooperation in peace and security. Cheng Zilong's research in Addis Ababa investigated the mechanisms of the African Peace and Security Architecture, finding that those mechanisms need improvement and that there are several ways for China to enhance its support for African peace operations. Yang Hong's research, also in Addis Ababa, studied UN-AU hybrid peacekeeping in Darfur, finding a case-by-case approach to such operations to be preferable to an overarching policy. Both fellows, however, found an insufficient legal foundation for the innovative peace operations they studied and described an AU of small capacity struggling to comfortably work with the UN and the great powers it represents.

Other research papers focused on the relationship between Chinese investments and sustainable peace. Uniformly, they found Chinese overseas enterprises to be lacking in community outreach, as workers are often physically isolated from local communities, and little to no special communications teams or cultural knowledge is built up to enhance community relations. Some of the specific findings from Liu Suwen's research in Kenya and Zimbabwe are that Chinese companies would often overlook the role of NGOs in understanding local communities, and that the Chinese government has an opportunity to provide more specific guidelines and issue regulations to help overseas enterprises manage social risk. Yang Jian carried out similar research in the same locations, and highlighted ways that Chinese companies could improve community relations through risk prevention and research into national differences, as well as ways they could benefit from better social service systems and better monitoring of social responsibilities. From his research based at the University of Kinshasa, Song Qing reported among other findings that Chinese companies in the DRC had especially acute difficulties with sustainable business, which could be addressed through community outreach, yet they still focused most of their resources on courting the heavily pro-West local elites. Finally, Wang Duanyong's research, also at the University of Kinshasa, explored why the "Mineral-for-Infrastructure Deal" that China struck with the DRC failed, finding that the primary reasons were more reflective of domestic conditions in China than faulty operations or social risk in the DRC.

Fellows Biographies

Cheng Zilong is a PhD Candidate in international relations from the School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University. He received his master's in international relations from Shanghai Institutes for International Studies in 2016. He has studied and received a certificate in the Johns Hopkins University-Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies from 2014 to 2015. He specializes in South Asian studies, particularly energy security and global climate change, and the UN.

Liu Suwen is deputy director at the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, MOFCOM, P.R. China and a PhD. Candidate at the University of Geosciences, majoring in Resources Industrial Economy. She received her master's in English Language and Literature from Renmin University of China in 2006, and her bachelor's degree in English from Zhangzhou University in 2004. Liu's main research focus is on the potential risks and conflicts of Chinese infrastructure and natural resources investment in Asian and African developing countries. Her most recent research projects include research on the possible development of Lapis Lazuli stones in Tajikistan, the exploration and purchase of aluminum ore in Indonesia, and a study on the prevention and control of international capacity cooperation risks. She has also received a number of qualifications, including the China Accreditation Test for Translators and Interpreters Grade 2 English-Chinese Consecutive Interpretation, the Test for English Major (TEM) Band 8, and the CGT (College German Test) Band 4.

Song Qing, currently a PhD candidate at Shanghai International Studies University, received his master's degree in international relations from Sciences Po Bordeaux, France in 2012. He holds a double bachelor's degree in French language studies and teaching Chinese as a foreign language from Fudan University, China. He joined Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS) in 2012, where he served as program officer for the African program. As a contributor to China's media coverage of about over 30 articles, he works on peace and security in Africa with a special focus on terrorism, extremism and peacebuilding missions. Prior to this, he was the champion of the "Global French Dictation Contest" (China) in 2007 and served as an interpretation trainee at the United Nations in Geneva in 2011. He also supported the attendance of Chinese youth at the 2015 "Atlantic Dialogues Global Emerging Leaders Program" organized by the German Marshall Fund of the United States and the OCP Policy Center of Morocco.

Dr. Wang Duanyong is the Director of the Centre for China's Overseas Interests Studies and an associate professor at Shanghai International Studies University, China. He received his PhD in Economics from Wuhan University in 2007. He has served in enterprises, universities and think tanks for nearly two decades. In recent years his research focuses on Chinese investment and infrastructure projects in Africa and the security risk of Chinese citizens abroad. Dr. Wang also conducted field researches in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Nigeria and Egypt.

Yang Hong is a PhD Candidate in the School of International Relations and Diplomacy at Beijing Foreign Studies University in Beijing, China. He participated in the RtoP book project "Responsibility to Protect: Chinese Perspectives on International Norm Building". His article analyzed China's position on the RtoP and presented persuasive reasons for China's veto on the Security Council's resolutions on Syria. His PhD dissertation focuses on the regulation of humanitarian interventions within the UN framework, arguing that reporting and investigation mechanisms should be set up within the UN framework to monitor the actions taken by interveners and hold them accountable for their actions. Currently the focus of his work is on the UN-AU hybrid peacekeeping operations.

Yang Jian is a Ph.D. Candidate at Lanzhou University and currently works at the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, MOFCOM, P.R. China. He received his master's in industrial economics and his bachelor's in economics from Lanzhou University in 2012 and 2009, respectively. His most recent research publications have focused on the network brand development path and countermeasures (January 2015), the Swiss industrial development model for



inspiration and reference in Guizhou (January 2015), and an analysis on the development of processing trade in the inland area (January 2015).

Dr. Xue Lei is Research Fellow of the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies. Born in 1973, he earned his B.A. in International Economics from Peking University and M.A. in International Law from East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL), as well as Ph.D. for International Law also from the ECUPL. Lei's research interests include international law, international organizations, freedom and security of international navigation and overflight. He was a visiting scholar of German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) in 2011 and the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) in 2013. His recent publications include "China as a permanent member of the UN Security Council", "The global network for preventive diplomacy and China's persuasive diplomacy", "China's development-oriented peacekeeping strategy in Africa", "The Changing International System and the Development of International Law", "New Developments in the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations", etc.

Prof Liu Tiewa holds a Ph.D from Waseda University, Japan and Beijing University, China. Dr. Liu is Assistant Professor in the School of International Relations and Diplomacy at Beijing Foreign Studies University, and Deputy Director at the Research Centre on the United Nations and International Organizations at Beijing Foreign Studies University. Dr. Liu is a leading expert on China's policy on R2P, and serves on the APR2P Centre's International Advisory Board. From July 2014-June 2015, Dr. Liu was a visiting research fellow at APR2P during which time she completed the first edited volume on R2P in Chinese, 'The Responsibility to Protect: Chinese Perspectives on International Norm Building'. The volume was published by Peking University Press in 2015. (Tiewa just completed a USIP course on mediation.)

Dr. Qi Xin, deputy director of Institute of Industry Development and Strategy of Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation of Ministry of Commerce, China. Qi Xin holds a B.A. in English, a M.A. and a PhD. in economics and has been a visiting scholar at Institute for Transport Policy Studies in Japan. She is mainly focusing on the study of outbound invest of China, enterprises international development and special economic zones. She has authored more than thirty journals and newspaper articles on Chinese enterprises outbound investment, export control, etc. She has led and participated in tens of research projects commissioned by Ministry of Commerce, National Development and Reform Commission, Office of the Central Leading Group for Cyberspace Affairs and other ministries of China, including investment environment reports of more than twenty countries along China's One Belt One Road Initiative, which provide guidance and support for Chinese enterprises to successfully carry out investment in those countries.