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**"Sino-African Relationship: the Unbearable Heaviness?"**

**WITH**



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Be it dubbed as neocolonialism or Dragon's gift, Sino-African relationship has been widely acknowledged as a big driver for contemporary changes happening on the African continent. Since China's new leadership came to power in 2013, more expectations follow, such as China's Marshall Plan for Africa recently revealed by Justin Lin, the former vice president of the World Bank. Needless to say, since at least the 2006 Sino-African Summit, Chinese and African demands on each other, as well as incentives stimulating actual actions, have been dramatically increased in countless ways. Yet how to evaluate, measure, and also constructively advise policy-makers about this relationship is becoming an increasingly heavy task for the community of Chinese African scholars. How do they perceive the Sino-African relationship from a Chinese perspective? An unbearable heaviness or a piece of cake easily swallowed and immediately bringing back benefit (such as crude oil that China's development eagerly demands) as it is often represented in 'western' discourse?

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