

Call for Papers – Journal of African Development (JAD) Special Issue on China in Africa

Theme: China in Africa- The consequences of imbalance in trade, investment, finance and employment patterns and practices. Is there equal and fair exchange?

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Short Description

China has been engaged in many countries for the past 50 years. The terms and conditions of contracts, lack of transparency, suspect official relationships, possible corruption, manner, pace, scope, intensity, scale and level of proactive economic activity has caused concerns among some citizens, and leaders. There is a reason to believe that, on balance, there is a lopsided pattern to trade, investment and aid projects and programs, in favor of China.

This special issue will examine a set of these issues, and focus on documenting the level of imbalance, and unequal exchange. The issue will include 8 to 12 papers that examine the problems, and will offer accounts of excess benefits and super accumulation.

Papers will examine economic and business relations since 1950.

Contributors are invited to write on any of the areas listed below:

1. Sector level studies related to Oil, timber, fisheries, and extractives
2. Services sector issues that include infrastructure projects, banking, and labor management relationships. Consumer goods imports, trade in services, and more, are ripe for examination.
3. International trade sector - import-export relationships, Consumer goods imports, trade in services, and more

Papers can be general, and broad, or specific by sector or country. They can be largely empirical or theoretical.

The overall theme is to demonstrate, or propose methods for estimating the income and wealth transfer effects of ongoing arrangements that have drawn comments from observers

Timeline

1. October 3, 2020 – October 31, 2020: Call for expression of interest
 - a. An Abstract (maximum of 1 page): submitted directly to the Special Issue’s Editor at Richard.america@georgetown.edu
 - b. A full manuscript draft to the Editor by February 28, 2021.
 - c. A full manuscript ready for final review submitted through the Editorial Manager at <https://www.editorialmanager.com/JOAD/default.aspx>
2. April 30, 2021: Deadline for submission of full manuscripts through the Editorial Manager at <https://www.editorialmanager.com/JOAD/default.aspx>

The Journal

The Journal of African Development (JAD) was first published in 1988 as Journal of African Finance and Economic Development. It is a top ranked journal in African development economics. It publishes original research papers relating to all aspects of African development—from immediate policy concerns to structural economic and development challenges. While the emphasis is on quantitative work that is novel and relevant; groundbreaking theoretical work is highly encouraged.

Guest editor bio

Prof America taught courses on Investing in Africa, in the MBA program, for 12 years, co-lead the annual MBA Global student research, consulting and learning visit to South Africa, for 6 years, was a cofounder of the Southern African Business School Network, was participant in the founding of the Association of African Business Schools, serves on the Advisory Board of the Global Business School Network, was a member of the board of the Tubman University Endowment Fund in Liberia, is on the Advisory Board of the African Development University, ADU, in Niamey, Niger, has consulted to the IFC/World Bank on African management education, and has taught at ISM, in Dakar, Senegal, and carries on consulting currently in Lualaba Province DRC.

He is completing a new edited book, and a book of essays on Colonialism’s impact on development.