



# Influence and Agency Along China's Belt & Road

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Insurmountable Asymmetry? Influence and Agency Along China's Belt and Road

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What is China's Belt and Road initiative (BRI) and is it distinguishable from China's broader foreign policy in the developing world? Are the vast asymmetries between China's power and that of its smaller and weaker BRI partners insurmountable, or can they at least partially be overcome? Please join a group of experts on China's foreign policy in the developing world to discuss the latest thinking and research on these issues. Joshua Eisenman (HNC '02, SAIS '03) will open the program with an overview of BRI and his research on China's relationship with African countries, followed by discussion of the topic with a SAIS panel.

Joshua Eisenman is Associate Professor of Global Affairs at the University of Notre Dame. His research focuses on the political economy of China's development and its foreign relations with United States and the developing world. His latest book, *Red China's Green Revolution: Technological Innovation, Institutional Change, and Economic Development under the Commune* (Columbia University Press, 2018), received an Honorable Mention for the 2019 Robert W. Hamilton Best Book Award. Eisenman's previous book, *China and Africa: A Century of Engagement* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012), co-authored with David Shinn, was named one of the top three books about Africa by Foreign Affairs.

Dr. Carla Freeman is Director of SAIS Foreign Policy Institute, Associate Research Professor of China Studies at SAIS, and Editor in Chief of *Asian Perspective*.

Dr. Dan Markey is Senior Research Professor in International Relations, and Academic Director of Master of Arts in Global Policy Program at SAIS.

Dr. Yoon Jung Park is China-Africa Specialist, Executive Director of Chinese in Africa/Africans in China Research Network, and Adjunct Professor, African Studies, Georgetown University.

This event is open to the public, however, seating is limited.