Program

Sunday, 17 November 2013

Participant arrivals, 7:30 informal welcome dinner at the Roia Restaurant (261 College Street, New Haven).

Monday, 18 November 2013

9:00-9:30  Welcome and Introductions

Chris Udry (Yale University) and Tatiana Carayannis (Social Science Research Council)

9:30-11:15  Panel 1: The Politics of Knowledge

Why has scholarship and policy and public discourse on Africa and China’s relationship grown so dramatically in recent years? How do researchers located in different geographical and disciplinary locations view the evolving relationship of Chinese-African engagement? What kinds of knowledge have been produced from different vantage points, for whom, and for what purpose? What conditions need to be put in place for African and Chinese researchers to actively participate in the international production of knowledge on this topic, as well as research collaborations, given differences in resources and capacity (access to data, publications, etc.), and the challenges of transnational collaboration? What are the policy and advocacy implications of various research agendas? How do we create constructive institutional linkages, knowledge networks, and common research agendas?

Chair: Cyril Obi, Social Science Research Council

Presenters:

He Wenping, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Daouda Cissé, Stellenbosch University
Jamie Monson, Macalester College
Seifudein Adem, Binghamton University

Discussants:

Liu Haifang, Peking University
Aminata Diaw-Cissé, CODESRIA
11:15-11:30  Coffee Break

11:30-1:15  Panel 2: Migration and Diasporas

What are the theoretical implications of empirical work in this thematic area? How do the various analytical and methodological approaches that underpin the scholarship relate to each other? What are the dominant frames of reference? How does this work connect to broader bodies of theoretical knowledge?

Chair: Yoon Jung Park, CA/AC Research Network

Presenters:
Solange Chatelard, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris/ Max Planck Institute
Howard French, Columbia University
Xu Liang, Harvard University
Elle Wang, George Mason University

Discussants:
Helen Siu, Yale University
Zhang Zhenjiang, Jinan University

1:15-2:30  Lunch (Dining Room, Greenberg Center)

2:30-4:15  Panel 3: International Peace and Security

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Chair: Tatiana Carayannis (Social Science Research Council)

Presenters:
Xue Lei, Shanghai Institute for International Studies
Dan Large, Central European University
Cyril Obi, Social Science Research Council
Jason Tower, American Friends Service Committee, China

Discussants:
Sanusha Naidu, Open Society Institute Southern Africa
Chris Alden, London School of Economics and Political Science
5:30-6:30  **Keynote Lecture** (Luce Hall auditorium (34 Hillhouse Ave, Suite 311)

Chair and Moderator: Chris Udry (Yale University)

Professor Immanuel Wallerstein, Yale University
“China, Africa, and the World-System Since 1945”

Hosted by the Yale Council on African Studies

6:30-7:30  **Reception hosted by the Yale Council on African Studies**
(Luce Hall Common Room, 34 Hillhouse Avenue, Suite 311)

Tuesday, 19 November 2013

9:00-10:45  **Panel 4: Trade, Aid, and Development**

*What are the theoretical implications of empirical work in this thematic area? How do the various analytical and methodological approaches that underpin the scholarship relate to each other? What are the dominant frames of reference? How does this work connect to broader bodies of theoretical knowledge?*

Chair: Jackie Klopp (Columbia University)

Presenters:

Paul Kamau, Institute for Development Studies/University of Nairobi
Luke Anthony Patey, Danish Institute for International Studies
Isaac Odoom, University of Alberta
Romain Dittgen, Université Paris, Panthéon-Sorbonne

Discussants:

He Wenping, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Chris Udry, Yale University

10:45-11:00  **Coffee Break**
11:00-12:45 Panel 5: Theoretical Approaches and China-Africa Scholarship

How does the China-Africa relationship, and the scholarship on it, inform and how is it informed by broader bodies of theory and analytical approaches? How does it connect to broader scholarly and policy discourses regarding the economic, political and cultural dimensions of globalization? What does it reveal to us about new relationships in a changing global order? Is there a larger frame or field within which to understand these relationships, and what would it be (transformations in the global South? emerging geopolitical powers?) How do we teach and prepare students in our respective institutions to research and engage in this cross-regional research?

Chair: Ron Kassimir, Social Science Research Council

Presenters:

Stephanie Rupp, Lehman College
Chris Alden, London School of Economics
Sanusha Naidu, Open Society Institute Southern Africa
Liu Haifang, Peking University
Ching Kwan Lee, University of California, Los Angeles

Discussants:

Leonard Wantchekon, Princeton University

12:45-1:15 Closing and next steps
Making Sense of the China-Africa Relationship: Theoretical Approaches and the Politics of Knowledge
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Maurice R. Greenberg Center Amphitheater
Yale University, New Haven

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