

AFRICA-CHINA JOURNALISTS FORUM 2016

Perspectives on Africa-China Reporting

Host: Jeremy Goldkorn

10 November 2016 at Graduate Seminar Room, Humanities Graduate Centre
Southwest Engineering Building (close to Great Hall), Wits University East Campus

PROGRAMME

- 09:00 **Welcoming**
Franz KRUGER, Head: Wits Journalism, South Africa
- 09:10 **Opening remarks: Perspectives on Africa-China Reporting**
Dr Bob WEKESA, Postdoctoral Fellow, Wits Journalism, South Africa

PANEL 1: Framing the debate on African reporting perspectives

- 09:30 ***China in Africa through a black pen: My experiences in Africa-China reporting***
Baboki KAYAWE, Freelance journalist, Botswana
- 09:50 ***Reporting on the third phase of the Sino-African engagement***
Kevin BLOOM & Richard POPLAK, Journalists, South Africa
- 10:10 ***The Africa-shaped gap in Africa-China reporting: How can journalists increase African voices?***
Dr Cobus VAN STADEN, Lecturer, Wits Media Studies, South Africa
- 10:30 ***Humanising the Africa-China relationship: Who and how?***
James WAN, Freelance journalist, UK; Editor of African Arguments
- 10:50-11:00 Q&A
- 11:00-11:10 Drinks break

PANEL 2: Africa-China reporting and investigations on ground level

- 11:10 ***Behind the perception barrier: Why are African perspectives missing in Africa-China reporting?***
ZHANG Zizhu (Shirley), Journalist, Phoenix TV, Kenya
- 11:30 ***Who are the Chinese involved in wildlife crime in Africa and how did I investigate them?***
SHI Yi, Journalist, Shanghai, China
- 11:50 ***The hydra-headed dragon and the dead hand of the Aakwambahu***
John GROBLER, Freelance journalist, Namibia
- 12:10 ***The many roots of Africa's mistrust of China***
Phillip DE WET, Journalist and Associate Editor, Mail & Guardian, South Africa

12:30-12:40 Q&A

12:40-13:30 Lunch, served in venue

PANEL 3: Perspectives on Africa-China as reported in the media

13:30 ***How Africa-China is reported in West African media***

Gerard GUEDEGBE, Media consultant and training expert, Benin

13:50 ***Is the East African media fair in its reporting on China's investments within the region?***

Allan Olingo OGUNAH, Journalist, The East African, Kenya

14:10 ***Framing China in Africa: Perspectives from African TV news programmes on CCTV and the BBC***

Vivien MARSH, Former BBC journalist; Currently pursuing PhD at Westminster University, UK

14:30 ***China in Africa in digital media: A case study of a Quartz obsession***

Lily KUO, Reporter, Quartz, Kenya

14:50-15:00 Q&A

15:00-15:10 Drinks break

PANEL 4: New opportunities and challenges in Africa-China reporting

15:10 ***Taking the lead in Africa-China reporting: The Ugandan experience***

Herbert Benon OLUKA, Freelance journalist, Uganda

15:30 ***How to conduct investigative journalism in the DRC***

HU Jianlong, Journalist, Beijing, China

15:50 ***The Chinese operational mechanism in Africa: The Nigeria journalists' experience***

Itunu AJAYI, Journalist, Nigeria

16:10 ***The two existing gaps in Sino-(South) Africa reporting***

ZHANG Jiexian (Sissy) & YU Meng (Morrie), Journalists, People's Daily Online South Africa

16:30 ***United pan-African voice and agencies as the missing links in the current Africa-China partnership***

Gedion JALATA, Program Manager, Africa-China Dialogue Platform, Oxfam, Ethiopia

16:50-17:00 Q&A and closing

17:00-18:30 Socialising and drinks provided in marquee tent at Library Lawns