



Examining the Belt and Road Initiative in the Context of Africa's Economic Future

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Dear Colleagues,

This Special Issue explores the role of China's Belt and Road initiative for sustainable transport and logistics connectivity in Africa for socio-economic progress. It will collate a collection of papers which, in addition to examining the architecture of the project, will critically interrogate the anticipated benefits against potential social, economic, and political challenges. Since its inception in 2013, the BRI has attracted a lot of international scrutiny and debate, particularly surrounding its design and architecture, speculations about its role in China's global political ambitions, and the potential socio-economic and environmental implications (both globally and specifically for participating countries). As its implementation progresses, the literature has turned to the initial impacts for the connectivity of global logistics, particularly to the emerging patterns of regional connectivity and the associated international infrastructure projects. This Special Issue will extend these debates, with a focus on one of the key regional links in the BRI—the African continent.





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