

**CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



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Title of keynote:

**China's development aid to Africa and its  
consequences**

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Before joining HSU Hamburg and IfW Kiel, Prof. Fuchs was a postdoctoral researcher at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs (2012-2013) as well as Heidelberg University's Alfred-Weber-Institute for Economics (2013-2018). He defended his Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Goettingen in August 2012 under the supervision of Axel Dreher, Stephan Klasen, and Stefanie Walter. He is a(n) (associate) member of various programs and committees, including the AidData program at the College of William and Mary, the Research Committee on Development Economics of the German Economic Association, and the European Development Network (EUDN). He holds a Master's degree from Goethe University Frankfurt as well as from Dauphine University Paris. He has also worked as a consultant for the Bertelsmann Foundation, the European Commission, and the OECD.

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**Abstract**

China's development cooperation is growing rapidly in Africa and beyond. Many observers see this development as a threat to the international aid architecture dominated by the United States, Europe, and Japan. Others praise Beijing for the great development opportunities that have arisen. This keynote presentation provides an overview of recent research on China's development cooperation based on a new global database detailing China's development projects. We will explore the following questions: How can we measure China's development footprint in Africa? What determines the amount of Chinese aid? In which countries, provinces, and sectors is China active and why? What are the implications of Beijing's development activities on growth, spatial inequality, good governance, conflict, and other development indicators in African recipient countries? Does China's development aid change the way the "West" operates its development cooperation?