

## POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT RESEARCH SEMINAR

# (South) Africa and China – What kind of relationship?

How to characterise the relationship between African states, not least so South Africa, and China? Terms used in China, such as comprehensive strategic partnership or win-win engagements, raise questions about the quality of engagement and of mutual expectations. This lecture explores who are key actors in this complex setup of inter- and transnational relationships and their different instruments and political channels of interaction. Trade, aid, investments and political relations are levels of engagements that saw substantial growth in the last two decades. How do these different levels of engagement interact?

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