The Politics of China in Africa Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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This course emphasizes a **critical, evidence-based approach**, using real-world data and **contemporary case studies** to dissect the complexities of this crucial relationship. By providing participants with the tools to analyze China's growing influence, we aim to equip them to navigate the strategic challenges and opportunities it presents. The program's core focus is on enhancing **policy analysis skills** and fostering a deeper appreciation for the diverse political and economic realities across Africa. Participants will explore the motivations behind China's engagement and the varied responses from African states, empowering them to make informed decisions in their professional roles.

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the **historical context** and evolution of China-Africa relations.
2. Assess the **geopolitical motivations** behind China's Africa policy.
3. Evaluate the **economic impact** of Chinese investment and trade.
4. Examine the role of the **Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC)**.
5. Discuss the **Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)** and its implications for African infrastructure.
6. Critically analyze the concept of **"debt-trap diplomacy."**
7. Understand China's **soft power strategy** and public diplomacy in Africa.
8. Explore the dynamics of **resource extraction** and its governance challenges.
9. Investigate China's growing role in **African security and peacekeeping**.
10. Differentiate between China's and other global powers' engagement models.
11. Analyze the impact of Chinese state-owned enterprises (SOEs) on local economies.
12. Formulate **evidence-based policy recommendations** on China-Africa engagement.
13. Anticipate **future trends** in the China-Africa partnership.

Target Audience

- Government officials and diplomats from African nations and international partners.
- NGO and IGO staff working on development, governance, and humanitarian issues.
- Business leaders and corporate strategists with interests in African markets.
- Journalists and researchers specializing in international relations or African studies.
- Academics and students pursuing careers in political science, economics, or international development.
- Policy analysts and think tank researchers.
- Security and defense professionals focused on African peace and security.
- Investors and financial analysts evaluating opportunities in Africa.

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Module 1: Historical and Conceptual Foundations

- Post-colonial history of Sino-African solidarity and the Cold War context.

- The evolution from political diplomacy to economic engagement.
- Theoretical frameworks: **Neo-colonialism vs. South-South Cooperation**.
- The role of the **Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC)**.
- **Case Study:** The construction of the TAZARA Railway, a symbol of early China-Africa friendship.

Module 2: The Political Economy of Engagement

- Analysis of Chinese trade and investment patterns across Africa.
- Drivers of engagement: energy security, market access, and resource acquisition.
- China's role in African infrastructure development.
- The impact of Chinese state-owned enterprises on local labor and business.
- **Case Study:** The Angolan "China Model" and its oil-for-infrastructure deals.

Module 3: Geopolitics and Soft Power

- Understanding China's **"non-interference"** policy and its practical application.
- China's growing military and security footprint, including naval and peacekeeping activities.
- Public diplomacy and **soft power tools**: Confucius Institutes, media, and cultural exchanges.
- Digital infrastructure and the influence of Chinese tech companies like Huawei.
- **Case Study:** The Chinese military base in Djibouti and its strategic significance.

Module 4: Debt, Governance, and Accountability

- Dissecting the "debt-trap diplomacy" narrative and its counterarguments.
- Examining Chinese lending practices and debt restructuring in African nations.
- The impact of Chinese projects on environmental governance and transparency.
- Challenges to local governance and accountability.
- **Case Study:** The Zambia-China debt relationship and its economic and political implications.

Module 5: A Pan-African Perspective

- Analyzing diverse African responses to Chinese engagement.
- The role of regional economic communities and the African Union.
- The complex relationship between China, Africa, and Western powers.
- The rise of African agency in shaping the partnership.
- **Case Study:** Ethiopia's strategic partnership with China in industrialization and the BRI.

Module 6: Socio-Cultural Impacts and People-to-People Relations

- Migration and the lives of Chinese migrants in African countries.
- The socio-cultural effects of Chinese presence on African communities.
- Cultural exchange programs and the role of the Chinese diaspora.
- Addressing issues of racism, labor disputes, and cultural misunderstandings.
- **Case Study:** The complexities of Sino-Nigerian people-to-people relations.

Module 7: The Future of China-Africa Relations

- The impact of the **COVID-19 pandemic** and global economic shifts.
- China's role in Africa's green transition and climate change cooperation.
- Prospects for technology transfer and digital cooperation.
- Future geopolitical trends and the evolving great power competition in Africa.

- **Case Study:** China's support for renewable energy projects in Kenya, such as the Garissa Solar Power Plant.

Module 8: Policy Simulation and Strategic Application

- Policy brief writing on a specific China-Africa issue.
- Scenario planning for future strategic engagement.
- Interactive group debates on controversial topics.
- Best practices for negotiating with Chinese partners.
- **Case Study:** A policy simulation exercise on negotiating a new infrastructure loan with a Chinese state-owned bank.

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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