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Dr Maggie Zeng, Gender Equality Advisor
in China to the Canadian International
Development Agency (CIDA)

China's Evolving Foreign Aid in Africa: The Case of Tanzania

Wednesday, 19 September 2007, 2 to 4 p.m., Senior Common Room, Founders College
Chair: Professor Gregory T Chin, Department of Political Science

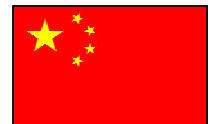
Dr Zeng will present her research findings on the evolution of China's foreign aid policy and programming in Africa, and the unique role that China has played as a "donor" in Africa, exemplified in the case of Tanzania.

Dr Zeng has developed an "interactive learning model" to examine how the interplay of structural and cognitive factors affect development assistance decision-making. Her focus is on the evolution of Chinese aid policy in the post-Mao reform period, and how these policy changes have been driven by the interaction of structural changes inside China and in the global environment, and cognitive shifts on the part of Chinese political elites regarding China's own developmental needs.

The presentation will highlight the specific ways in which China has attempted to distinguish itself from other donors in Africa. Dr Zeng will conclude by discussing whether, and how, the "interactive learning model" can be applied to explain the most recent shifts in Chinese foreign aid policy since 2000.



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Dr. Zeng has over 20 years work experience in international development, with expertise in gender and public policy, migrant labour, employment and social welfare, and NGO development. She completed her doctoral degree at the University of Florida (Gainesville, Florida.) in 1999 with a PhD in International Development Policy Administration and Graduate Certificate in African Area Studies. Before joining CIDA, Dr Zeng was the Senior Program Manager for Oxfam China from 2004 to 2006. She was Research Associate of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences from 1986 to 1993, managing research programs in the Institute of West Asian and African Study. She continues to research China's foreign aid policy and practice in Africa.