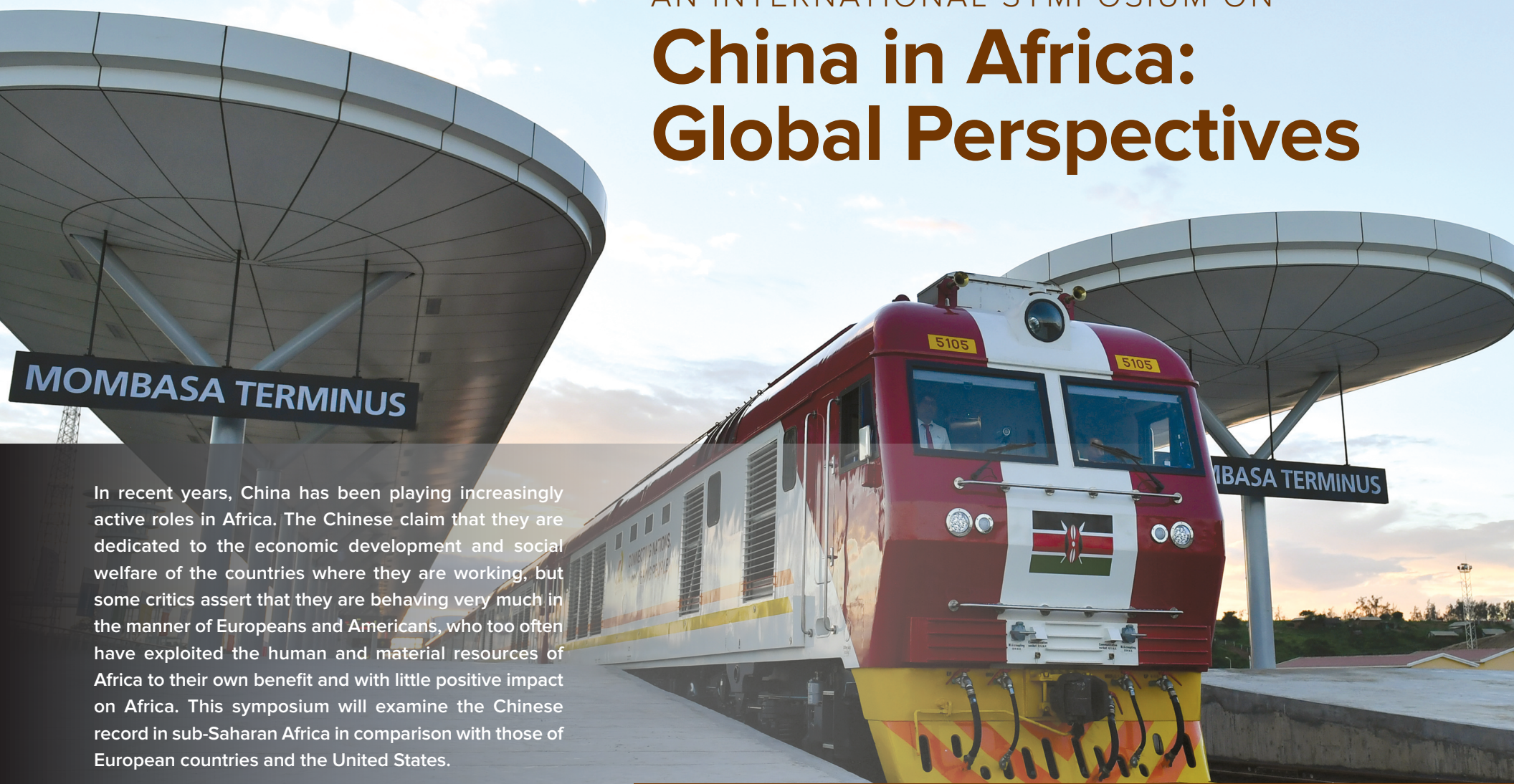


THE *Alison L. Des Forges* MEMORIAL COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO

AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON

China in Africa: Global Perspectives



In recent years, China has been playing increasingly active roles in Africa. The Chinese claim that they are dedicated to the economic development and social welfare of the countries where they are working, but some critics assert that they are behaving very much in the manner of Europeans and Americans, who too often have exploited the human and material resources of Africa to their own benefit and with little positive impact on Africa. This symposium will examine the Chinese record in sub-Saharan Africa in comparison with those of European countries and the United States.

Schedule of Events

9:00 REGISTRATION AND WELCOMING REMARKS

9:30-12:00 AFRICAN PERSPECTIVES

Understanding China's Embrace of Africa in a Broader Historical Perspective

Howard W. French, Professor, Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University

In the Shadow of China: African Development Prospects in the 21st Century

Fantu Cheru, Senior Researcher, African Studies Centre, Leiden University and Associate Senior Fellow, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

The Changing Dynamics of Chinese Oil and Gas Engagements in Africa

Cyril Obi, Program Director, African Peacebuilding Network, Social Science Research Council

12:00-1:00 LUNCH

1:00-3:30 CHINESE, EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES

The Relationship between the Belt-Road Initiative and Forum on China-Africa Cooperation

Haifang Liu, Professor and Deputy Director, Center for African Studies, School of International Studies, Peking University

China's Involvement in African Mega-Infrastructure: The Case of Kenya's Madaraka Express

Uwe Wissenbach, Diplomat, European Union

How the U.S. Engages across the African Continent and How China Factors into their Thinking

Sarah Margon, Washington Director, Human Rights Watch

3:30-4:00 WRAP-UP GENERAL DISCUSSION

FREE EVENT

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