

Modern China Lecture Series
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From Roads to Routers: China, Africa, and International Security

With Donovan C. Chau,
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Wednesday, May 7, 2014

12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Located in PL-4005

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Talk Description: In the 1950s, the Chinese arrived in Africa with little fanfare, yet by the 1970s they had achieved an active presence that was more pragmatic than revolutionary. China's goals in Africa remain those of an aspiring world power. Today, as in the past, China skillfully uses its instruments of national power to shape events to gain lasting strategic influence on the continent. Join us for a lively discussion of all things Chinese in Africa, including the recent publication of the speaker's newest book, *Exploiting Africa: The Influence of Maoist China in Algeria, Ghana, and Tanzania* (Naval Institute Press, 2014). Learn about the history and the politics of the Chinese in Africa from an expert who had been studying the subject for more than a decade.

Speaker Bio: Donovan C. Chau is an associate professor of political science and a core faculty member in the M.A. program in National Security Studies at California State University, San Bernardino. Educated at Claremont McKenna College, Missouri State University, and the University of Reading (United Kingdom), Dr. Chau worked as a subject matter expert on U.S. government contracts as well as a professional staff member in the U.S. House of Representatives prior to entering academia. His most recent works include: *Exploiting Africa: The Influence of Maoist China in Algeria, Ghana, and Tanzania* (Annapolis, MD: Naval Institute Press, 2014) and *China and International Security: History, Strategy, and 21st Century Policy*, 3 vols. (Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2014).

