

MID-YEAR EXAM 2020

POL8X13: The International Political Economy of Africa-China Relations

Date: To be announced via blackboard

TAKE-HOME EXAM (48 Hours from Distribution)

Total: 100 marks

- Choose TWO essay topics and respond in no more than 1000 words per question.
- Type in 12 pt. font, Times New Roman, 1.5 spacing.
- Reference all information as appropriate.
- Each question is worth 50 marks.

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Question One

What are the cross-cutting similarities and differences in China's investment in various African countries? Discuss with reference to at least two African countries' relations with China.

Question Two

Critically discuss the capacity (or lack thereof) of the Chinese government to centrally shape and drive its external relations with the globe, including countries in Africa.

Question Three

What are the strengths and weaknesses of African countries' China-facing policies? What is your understanding of African countries' leverage points vis-à-vis China (individually and as a collective)? How effectively have they made use of these in their relations with China? Respond with use of a specific African country.

Question Four

What is your analysis of the concept of China's non-interference approach in its Africa policy? Are there advantages and disadvantages for either side? Discuss.