

## 6th Annual Conference – September 22-October 2, 2020

### Speaker Biographies

#### PANEL 1 – Development-Security Nexus

Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 9am to 10:30am EDT

**Deborah BRAUTIGAM** is the Director of the China Africa Research Initiative (SAIS-CARI) and the Bernard L. Schwartz Professor of International Political Economy at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University. A leading expert on China in Africa, Professor Brautigam is the author of *The Dragon's Gift: The Real Story of China in Africa* (Oxford University Press, 2010; Chinese version published by Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Press) and *Chinese Aid and African Development: Exporting Green Revolution* (St. Martin's Press, 1998). She is also co-editor of *Taxation and State-Building: Capacity and Consent* (Cambridge University Press, 2008) as well as numerous articles published in academic journals and public affairs media. Professor Brautigam regularly advises international agencies and governments on China-Africa economic engagement. Her latest book, *Will Africa Feed China?* was published in October 2015 by Oxford University Press.



**Joseph SIEGLE** is the Director of Research at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies at the National Defense University. In this capacity he tracks Africa-wide security and governance trends and oversees the Center's External Actors in Africa Roundtable series, including the Africa Center's China in Africa research. Dr. Siegle has published widely on the role of democratic governance in advancing security and development and the process of strengthening institutions of democratic accountability.

Dr. Siegle is also an adjunct Research Scholar at the University of Maryland's Center for International and Security Studies (CISSM). He previously served as the Douglas Dillon Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and as a senior advisor for democracy and governance at DAI.

For over a decade, he served in various field capacities across Africa, Asia, and the Balkans with the international NGO, World Vision. He was also a Peace Corps Volunteer in Liberia.

**Lina BENABDALLAH** is Assistant Professor at Wake Forest University and Research Fellow at SAIS - CARI. She is the author of *Shaping the Future of Power: Knowledge Production and Network-Building in China-Africa Relations* (University of Michigan Press, 2020). Her research has appeared in *The Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Third World Quarterly*, *African Studies Quarterly*, *Project on Middle East Political Science*, as well as in public facing outlets such as the *Washington Post's* *Monkey Cage* and *Foreign Policy*.



**Daniel LARGE** is an Associate Professor at the School of Public Policy at Central European University in Vienna. He is also a Fellow of the Rift Valley Institute, with whom he founded the digital Sudan Open Archive. Dr. Large's publications include *New Directions in the Study of Africa and China* (Routledge, 2019), co-edited with Chris Alden; and *Sudan Looks East: China, India and the politics of Asian Alternatives* (Oxford: James Currey, 2011), co-edited with Luke Patey.

**Ilaria CARROZZA** is a Senior Researcher at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), where she is working on a number of projects on military training in Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Her research interests include Chinese foreign and security policy, China's engagement in African countries, the Belt and Road Initiative, China's export of artificial intelligence technology, and South-South cooperation. Prior to joining PRIO, she was the editor of *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, Vol. 45, and she worked as a consultant at the UNESCAP in Bangkok, where she led a project on sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region. She has a PhD in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a MA in Chinese Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies and speaks 6 languages.





**Nicholas MARSH** is a Senior Researcher at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) where his research interests are the licit and illicit arms trade, military assistance, armed conflict, homicide, arms control and disarmament. He has written tens of publications on these subjects, including recent articles in the journal *Defence and Peace Economics* about the illicit arms trade and in *Prism* on the effects of arms flows from Libya into African states. Much of his work has been focused upon outreach and policy management. He ran an online database of the arms trade, co-produced an award winning data visualization in conjunction with Google and has been a co-author of every edition of the Arms Trade Treaty monitor. In addition to working for PRIO he has been the Chair of a European research network on small arms, and a consultant to the UN Office on Drugs and Crime and to the Small Arms Survey. He has a doctorate in Political Science from the University of Oslo, and an MA in International Conflict Analysis at the university of Kent.

**April HERLEVI** examines China’s political economy and foreign economic policy to educate and inform policymakers, scholars, and the national security community on trends in economic statecraft. Dr. Herlevi currently serves as a research scientist in the China and Indo-Pacific Security Affairs Division at CNA (Center for Naval Analyses). Dr. Herlevi has published on how China acquires foreign technology, China’s foreign investment law, “zombie” state-owned enterprises (SOEs), China’s domestic special economic zones, and China-Middle East relations. Dr. Herlevi earned her PhD in international relations and comparative politics from the University of Virginia, a Master’s of Public Policy from George Mason University, and a BA in political science and economics from North Carolina State University. She studied Mandarin at Tsinghua University in Beijing and Zhejiang University of Technology in Hangzhou. Prior to the PhD, she served as a civilian analyst with the US Navy, US Marine Corps, and US Agency for International Development.

