

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

### Speaker Biographies

#### PANEL 2 – Security Engagement, Military Exports & Arms Sales

Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 9am to 10:30am EDT

**Yoon Jung PARK** is the Associate Director of the SAIS China Africa Research Initiative. An international scholar and a leader in the growing field of China/Africa studies, Dr Park is the author of *A Matter of Honour. Being Chinese in South Africa* (Jacana/Lexington Books). Her research focuses on ethnic Chinese in southern Africa and perceptions of Chinese people by local communities, centering on migration, race/ethnicity/identity, race/class/power, gender, affirmative action, and xenophobia. Dr Park has affiliations at the Sociology Department at Rhodes University (South Africa) and African Studies at Georgetown University (Washington, DC). In addition to her research, writing, and teaching, she is a co-founder and Executive Director of the Chinese in Africa/Africans in China (CA/AC) Research Network, an international China-Africa network.



**Phillip C. Saunders** is Director of the Center for the Study of Chinese Military Affairs and a Distinguished Research Fellow at National Defense University's Institute for National Strategic Studies. He previously worked at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, where he directed the East Asia Nonproliferation Program from 1999-2003, and served as an officer in the United States Air Force from 1989-1993. Dr. Saunders received an A.B. in History from Harvard University and an MPA and PhD from the Princeton School of International and Public Affairs. Dr. Saunders is co-author with David Gompert of *The Paradox of Power: Sino-American Strategic Restraint in an Era of Vulnerability* (NDU Press, 2011) and co-editor of *The PLA Beyond Borders: Chinese Military Operations in Regional and Global Context* (NDU Press, forthcoming), *Chairman Xi Remakes the PLA* (NDU Press, 2019), and *PLA Influence on China's National Security Policymaking* (Stanford University Press, 2015).

**Jyhjong HWANG** is a Ph.D. student in International Relations and Comparative Politics at Ohio State University. Her research interests are in the international politics of foreign aid, international development, and international cooperation. Her recent research projects include resource-secured loans in developing countries and Chinese hydropower projects in Africa. She formerly worked as senior research assistant at China-Africa Research Initiative. Hwang earned a M.A. in International Development and International Economics from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and a B.A. in International Relations from Tufts University. She served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Namibia.



**Elijah N. MUNYI** obtained a PhD in International Relations from Aalborg University in Denmark. He is currently an Assistant Professor of International Relations at the United States International University in Nairobi. His latest publication is the book *Beyond History: African Agency in Development, Conflict Resolution and Diplomacy* (London: Rowman and Littlefield International, 2020). His research interests include Africa's international economic relations, China-Africa relations, and Africa's general positioning in managing the emerging Great Power Competition.

**Tom BAYES** is a China-Africa researcher, mostly recently as a researcher for the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and visiting academic fellow at the Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS) in Berlin. His research has examined economic, technological and security dimensions of China's engagement with both North and Sub-Saharan Africa. Prior to this he worked on EU Africa policy at the UK Permanent Representation to the EU in Brussels, and as an Africa analyst at a London-based consultancy. He has conducted research in numerous African countries and was educated at the University of Oxford, the London School of Economics, and Zhengzhou University in China.

