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cordially invite you to:

China and Africa: Past History and Current Prospects

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Thursday, June 29th, 2017

19:30pm –20:45 pm



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Admission: 100 RMB

19:15 – Doors Open

19:30 – Lecture

20:15 – Q&A

20:45 – Mixer

Please RSVP to Frank Tsai of China Crossroads at editor@shanghai-review.org.

Tonight's talk will examine the complexity of China's historical relationship with Africa, based on the book by the speakers, [China and Africa: A Century of Engagement](#). Topics discussed will include the history of China's relations with the continent, looking back past the establishment of the People's Republic of China in 1949, as well as the broad range of areas that define this relationship—politics, trade, investment, foreign aid, military, security, and culture—providing a significant historical backdrop for each. Also discussed will be prospects for the China-Africa relationship in light of its history.

[David Shinn](#) is former U.S. Ambassador to Burkina Faso and Ethiopia. His diplomatic career spanned 37 years in the U.S. Foreign Service, with assignments at embassies in Lebanon, Kenya, Tanzania, Mauritania, Cameroon, and Sudan. Shinn consults to the U.S. government on the Horn of Africa as well as Sino-African relations. He is Adjunct Professor of International Affairs at The George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs, author of [Hizmet in Africa: The Activities and Significance of the Gülen Movement](#) (2015), and co-author of [China and Africa: A Century of Engagement](#) (2012) and the [Historical Dictionary of Ethiopia](#) (2004). He holds a PhD in Political Science from George Washington University.

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