

## **AFRICAN PROGRAMME ON RETHINKING DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS - 2019**

The African Programme on Rethinking Development Economics (APORDE), in partnership with the DST/NRF South African Research Chair in Industrial Development based at the University of Johannesburg, has the pleasure to invite you to the following evening seminar:

### **Chinese firms and employment dynamics in Africa: a comparative analysis**

Public lecture by Dr Carlos Oya (SOAS, University of London)

**Topic:** Alongside massive growth in the exports of Chinese products to African countries there has been an increase in the presence of Chinese firms in Africa, whether as investors or contractors. The changing nature of this relationship brings into sharp focus the role that China is now playing in contributing to industrialisation in a number of African countries. The presentation by Dr Carlos Oya will focus on Chinese firms and investments into Africa and will discuss firm behaviour including the employment dynamics of these investments. His presentation will consider both a macro and micro perspective.

**Date:** Monday 9 September 2019  
**Time:** 17h30 (refreshments will be provided)  
**Venue:** JBS Tower, Corner of Barry Hertzog and Empire Roads (entrance Napier Road), Johannesburg, 2092. S26°10.952' E28°01.117'  
**Chairperson:** Professor Fiona Tregenna  
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#### **ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

Carlos Oya has degrees in Economics from Universidad Complutense of Madrid and SOAS (MSc Econ) where he also did his PhD in Development Economics. He worked for several years in government in Mozambique, where he did extensive field research on rural labour markets and rural poverty. He was also lecturer at the University Eduardo Mondlane in Mozambique and is visiting lecturer at Universidad Complutense (Madrid) and at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. His main research interests are: agrarian political economy, development policy, poverty, political economy of development, employment, rural labour markets, development aid, and research methodology. Carlos is now leading two large research projects: one looking at comparative labour conditions and outcomes in Chinese companies in Ethiopia and Angola in construction and manufacturing; and a systematic review of the effects of certification schemes for agricultural production on workers' and producers' wellbeing. He is also co-editor of the *Journal of Agrarian Change*.



**About the APORDE programme:** APORDE is a two-week high-level annual seminar that brings together academics, policy-makers and civil society representatives to investigate economic development options. It is aimed at building capacity in the South, particularly in Africa and founded on the need to broaden perspectives on development thinking and policymaking.