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“Chinese Engagement with Africa: The Case of Madagascar”

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Madagascar offers an interesting lens through which to view Chinese relations with many nations in Africa. This presentation is about a case study conducted to assess the complex relationships developing among Chinese and Malagasy residents of Madagascar. While the experiences of the Chinese diaspora in every African nation can be viewed as unique, the goal of this case study is to particularize general trends and patterns of Chinese engagement with citizens and governments on the African continent. The study is based on a limited number of field interviews in Madagascar and content analysis of 41 published articles and more than 330 “blog” comments written in response to these articles.

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