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# Taking Development Seriously

## Moving Beyond the Easy Phase of China-Latin America Relations

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# Introduction and Overview

- An outsiders inside view
- Overview of China-LAC ties
- Development in China & Latin America
- Moving beyond the Easy Phase of China-Latin America Relations



# Development & China-LAC Relations: The First Decade+

- The commodity boom and the “Easy Phase”
  - Trade complementarity (some win more)
  - Finance: Loans-for-commodities=low risk?
  - Investment: Lots of smoke, little fire
- Not so easy: Great variation, rising anxieties
- Does trade foster development? Maybe



# China & Development: Evolving Strategies

- Development & Stability: Moving Targets
- Domestic
  - 3 decades of Reform, 3 periods of development
  - The “new normal” as huge challenge
- International
  - Peaceful Development=win-win complementarity
  - End of China’s boom, end of commodity boom



# Latin America, Development and China: Déjà vu All Over Again?

- Development and new China partnerships
  - New trade partner, new source of growth?
  - New political partner, new source of strength?
  - Where's Development in “South-South” ties?
- Commodity Boom & Rethinking Development
  - What should drive Latin American growth?
  - What should be foundations of China-LAC ties?



# New Development Challenges, New Development Opportunities

- Crisitunity: Taking Development Seriously
  - LatAm century of development thinking and policy
  - China's development successes & challenges
  - China-LAC: rethinking content of development
- Solutions
  - Moving beyond complementarity: what and how?
  - Exporting China's "industrial capacity"?
  - Managing "Middle Income Trap"



# Conclusions

- Easy phase of China-Latin America relations is over
- China and Latin America confront serious economic challenges on their own and in their relations with each other
- Opportunity to rethink development in China-LAC relations



# How to Avoid Big and Little W's

