

Announcement:
The Forthcoming JCIR Special Issue on China-Latin America Relations

This normal issue of the *Journal of China and International Relations* (JCIR) consists of comparatively fewer articles than the previous issues. This is due to the fact that a forthcoming special issue of JCIR is due in August 2016.

The forthcoming special issue focuses on China-Latin America relations. Historically, this relationship has been rather unimportant for both sides, but this situation has changed. As China has emerged as an increasingly important emerging power and emerging market, its relevance for Latin America has grown dramatically. Likewise, with China's economic rise and growing political role in the international system, Latin America has also gained more importance for China. This tendency has been particularly marked after China's accession to the World Trade Organization in 2001. Scholarly interest in this theme initially focused on China's economic impact on Latin American development and, later, also on geopolitical aspects of the relationship. Since then, more themes on this relationship have emerged.

This special issue of JCIR seeks to engage with the more diversified thematic interest in the studies of China-Latin America relations that has emerged throughout the recent years. It brings contributions with different emphases such as China's economic impact on Latin American development, China's Latin America strategy from economic and geopolitical perspectives, Latin American political reactions to China, the relevance of China-Latin America relations in the realm of climate change and human rights, and China-Latin America relations as South-South cooperation or as North-South dependency, etc.

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