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Unbalanced relations between China and the countries of the South

- Unbalanced economic and political relations
- Risk to lock countries into a problematic specialization of their economy (export of natural resources or agricultural products)
- China as the main trading partner of most countries of the south
- Three major regions of the South have recorded a growing trade deficit with China
- The existence of a "new Chinese colonialism"
- Policies in order to strengthen the dependency relationship between China and the South
- a strategy to strengthen China's economic and political power
- China's legitimate position at the center of a world order

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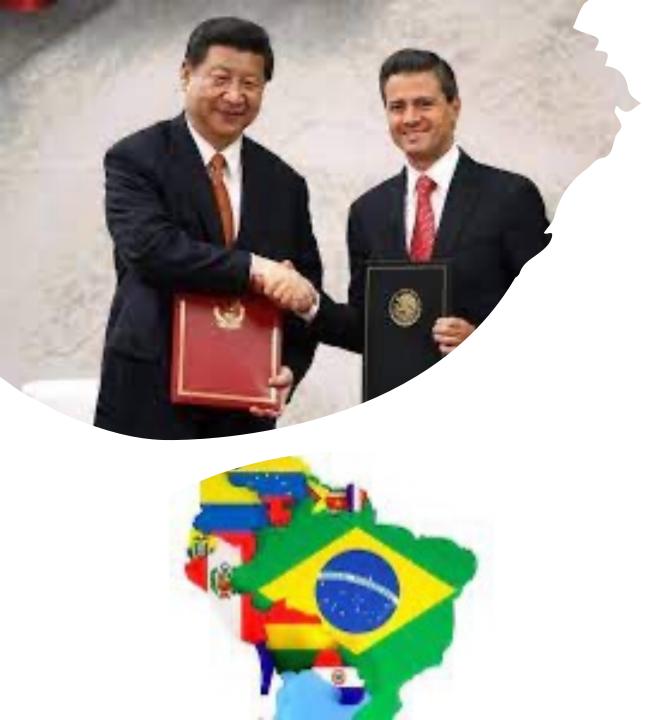




What China proposes to the countries of the South

- To promote "South-South cooperation"
- To develop "win-win" relations
- A welcome alternative
- Free countries of the South from Western states and major international institutions
- Finance infrastructure projects
- Chinese "neo-colonialism" → do not overestimate it : country continues to face daunting economic and social challenges
- China is still part of the South because of its history and heritage

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• 2014 : Xi Jinping was visiting South America for the second time in 18 months

• sign several agreements

• China = main trading partners on the continent

• to build strong commercial links

sources of Latin America NTERACTIVE Most of Mexico's oil reserves are located along the coast of, or offshore in, the Gulf of Mexico. ATLANTIC OCEAN ZIV NICARAGUA Aluminum The countries of ECUADOR SE Central America Hydroelectric power are relatively poor in resources. Bolivia has great Natural gas supplies of zinc, BRAZIL which is used to Petroleum form alloys such as brass. PACIFIC OCEAN ATLAN OCEA Azimuthal Equal-Area Projection The southern tip ILLBUILDER: Interpreting Maps of South America is rich in oil and HUMAN-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION Is most of the petroleum in South America produced in the east or west? natural gas. **REGION** Which country in the region outside of South America is rich in petroleum?

Why South Africa?

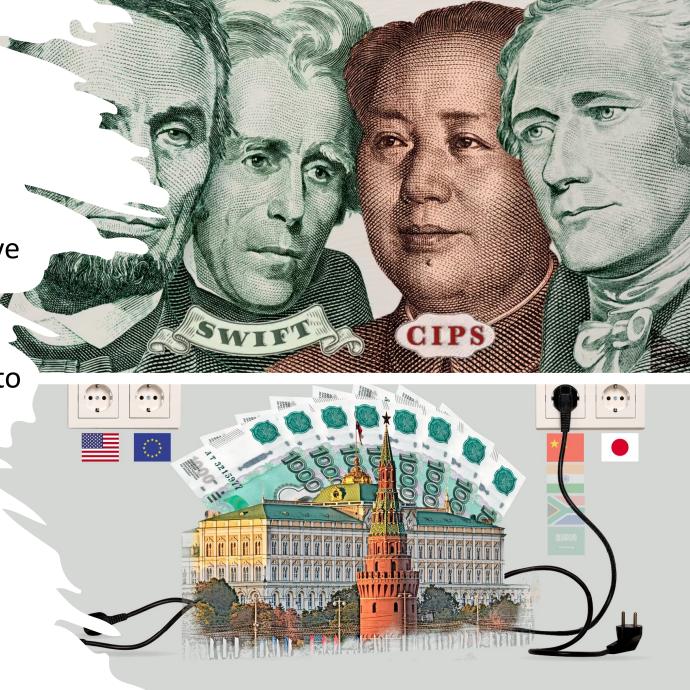
Latin America is one of the best equipped regions of the world in terms of natural resources, agricultural and energy.

Southern countries also actors

 Countries of the South are not passive victims of Chinese policies

 They have room to move in relation to China (Burma, Pakistan and Nepal)

 Pekin is an effective alternative to Western hegemony



Conclusion

 Nuance the argument of colonialism and « win-win »

 A cooperation of developing countries with reproduction of structures of subordination and dependence

 Challenge: unite the countries of the South



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