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## **Soft Power & China's Engagement in Africa**

**Saturday 2 May 2015**

**Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Studies, Stellenbosch**

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This colloquium is a collaborative project of the Confucius Institute at Rhodes University (Grahamstown) and the Centre for Chinese Studies, University of Stellenbosch (Stellenbosch), and is supported by the Hanban.

The aim of the colloquium is to engage with themes from Kenneth King's *China's Aid & Soft Power in Africa: The Case for Education & Training* (James Currey, 2013).

### **Programme**

**09h00 Welcome** [Vermaak]

**09h15 Session 1** [Chair: Vermaak]

**China's engagement with tertiary education in Africa within the broader context of soft power**

Opening comments by He and Anthony.

**10h15 Tea/Coffee**

**10h45 Session 2** [Chair: Anthony]

**The Diversity of China's engagement: Confucius Institutes, agricultural demonstration centres; African students in China; short-term professional training, 20+20 partnerships; think tank partnerships.**

Opening comments by Kenneth King and Pravina King.

**11h45 Tea/Coffee**

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**12h00 Session 3** [Chair: Vermaak]

**Training in Chinese large, medium and small-scale firms in Africa**

Opening comments by Kenneth King and Pravina King.

**13h00 Lunch**

**14h00 Session 4** [Chair: Vermaak]

**A special focus on CI's and Confucius Class rooms in Africa**

Opening comments by Ma and Procopio.

**15h00 Tea/Coffee**

**15h30 Session 5** [Chair: Anthony]

**Future challenges and opportunities.**

Opening comments by Tembe and Yeld

**17h00 Summary and closing remarks by Anthony.**

**18h30 Supper**

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**Kenneth King, Centre of African Studies (former director), University of Edinburgh**

**Pravina King, Centre of African Studies (former administrator), University of Edinburgh**

Pravina and Kenneth have worked on China-Africa education cooperation since 2006. They looked particularly at Ethiopia, Kenya and South Africa. The book on **China's aid and soft power in Africa** appeared in May 2013. They are currently working on China-Africa research partnerships in higher education, and the 20+20 partnership in particular.

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