

# *Lands of War and Opportunity in Africa: The Global Impact of Sudan and South Sudan on Chinese and Indian National Oil Companies*

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## **About the Lecture:**

For over a decade, Sudan fueled the international rise of Chinese and Indian national oil companies. But the political turmoil surrounding the historic division of Africa's largest country, with the birth of South Sudan, challenged Asia's oil giants to chart a new course. The outbreak of conflict in South Sudan last December only deepened the instability and insecurity, and sent Chinese and Indian diplomats scrambling to reinvigorate their foreign policies to protect their interests and bring an end to the conflict. This lecture will discuss and compare the overseas investments of Chinese and Indian national oil companies, their close ties with their respective governments in Beijing and New Delhi, and experiences with political and security risks in Sudan and South Sudan. It will draw from Luke Patey's recent book, *The New Kings of Crude: China, India, and the Global Struggle for Oil in Sudan and South Sudan*. Beyond exploring the economic and political impact of Chinese and Indian engagement in Sudan and South Sudan, the book argues that the two Sudans are examples of how Africa is shaping the rise of China and India as world powers.

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**LECTURE TIME: 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.**

**VENUE: CASI – 3600 Market Street, Suite 560 (5<sup>th</sup> floor) Philadelphia, PA 19104-2653**

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