

# GREAT DECISIONS 2020

## Topic 6 - China's Road into Latin America

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### How does Latin America Fit into China's "One Belt, One Road" Plan?

As the Trump administration continues to withdraw from the world stage, China is looking to fill the void. How does Latin America fit into China's "One Belt, One Road" plan? How will the relationship with China affect the region? Should the U.S. be concerned about China's growing "sphere of influence"?

#### SUGGESTED RESOURCES

1. Chapter 6 of the *GREAT DECISIONS 2020 Reader*.
2. [Glossary of Terms](#) for this topic.
3. Watch the [video](#) for this topic. Because of the Covid-19 virus, the Foreign Policy Association has made all the videos available free online.  
NOTE - The Wednesday QUUF seminar participants have chosen to view this video independently before the Zoom conference. The Thursday JC Library participants have chosen to watch it together the first half-hour, but of course you are welcome to view it independently, then join us on Zoom at ~6:30.
4. If this topic particularly engages you, I might also suggest the following readings:
  - Brian Winter (editor), [China and Latin America 2.0: What the Next Phase Will Look Like?](#) *Americas Quarterly*, 2019. This is a whole series of articles about different countries and different industries. You'll want to pick and choose, though I list the last one separately (below), as it is a great visual representation of data on China/LA trade.
  - Ben Miller, [China's Economic Footprint](#). *Americas Quarterly*, 2019
  - Matt Ferchen, [How China Is Reshaping International Development](#). Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Jan. 8, 2020.
  - Leigh Wedel, [How Latin America Factors into the U.S-China Rivalry](#). *The Diplomat*, February 2019.

Further resources are available at the Great Decisions website under Topic Resources - [China's Road into Latin America](#).

Finally, if you are interested in China-U.S. competition over the Coronavirus global narrative, see Kurt M. Campbell & Rush Doshi, [The Coronavirus Could Reshape Global Order](#), *Foreign Affairs*, March 18, 2020.