SINO-LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS: ACTORS AND FACTORS

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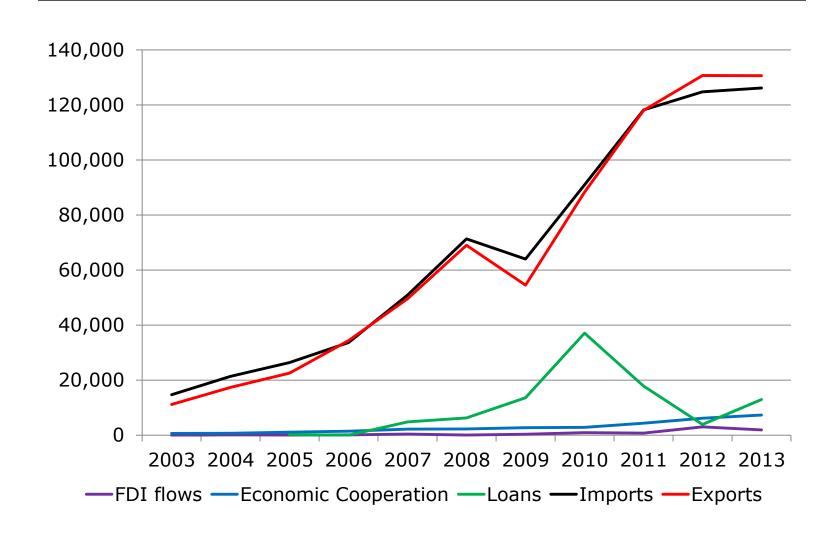
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OVERVIEW

- Growth of economic relations
- Major actors involved
- Key drivers of Chinese expansion
- Econometric analysis of determinants of different economic relations.

CHINA'S ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA (US\$ mn.)



EXPORTERS TO CHINA

Latin
American
SOEs
(CODELCO,
PDVSA)

TNCs (Cargill, Rio Tinto, Vale)

Chinese SOEs (CNPC, Sinopec)

IMPORTERS FROM CHINA

Latin
American
Distributors
Retailers and
Traders

TNCs (Sony, Samsung, Dell)

Chinese SOEs (Lenovo, Huawei)

MAJOR CHINESE INVESTORS IN LATIN AMERICA













MAJOR CHINESE CONTRACTORS IN LATIN AMERICA









CHINESE LENDERS TO LATIN AMERICA, 2005-2015

国家开发银行

US\$100.6 bn.

China Development Bank



US\$24.1 bn.

DRIVERS OF CHINESE EXPANSION IN LATIN AMERICA

- Strategic economic objectives
 - Secure supplies of resources
- Commercial objectives
 - Market forces: production costs; trade costs; market demand.
- Strategic diplomatic objectives
 - "One China" policy and Taiwan
 - Diplomatic support/countering US hegemony
- Weight of each objective depends on actors involved.

DEPENDENT VARIABLES

- Chinese imports from LAC, 2002-13 (UNCTADStat)
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- Stock of Chinese FDI in LAC, 2004-2013 (MOFCOM)
- Turnover of Chinese contracted projects in LAC, 2002-13 (National Bureau of Statistics)
- Chinese loans to LAC, 2005-13 (Inter-American Dialogue China-Latin America Finance Database)

INDEPENDENT VARIABLES

Strategic economic

- Share of minerals in total exports
- Share of fuels in total exports

Commercial

- Market size China GDP, LAC GDP & GDP p.c.
- Trade costs Openness, FTA, Distance, landlocked

Strategic diplomatic

- Relations with Taiwan
- Coincidence of UN votes with US

	Log Chinese Imports	Log Imports from China	Log FDI Stock	Log Contracted Projects	Log Loans
Log China GDP	3.73***	3.04***	4.41***	2.50	5.67**
Log LAC GDP	1.59***	1.18***	0.92*	0.79**	1.06***
Log LAC GDP pc	-1.68***	-0.38*	2.06*	-0.16	-0.50
FTA with China	-0.61	1.34*	1.22	2.41	0.62
Minerals	3.50*	-2.69**	7.47*	-0.15	-0.74
Fuels	2.94**	-0.70	-2.45	2.13	5.66*
Taiwan	-0.70	-0.07	-7.53***	-5.66***	-1.10
UN voting	0.009	0.001	0.02	-0.004	-0.05**
R-squared	0.74	0.63	0.49	0.36	0.31

CONCLUSION

- Different types of economic relations between China and LAC are affected by different factors
- The significance of different factors is related to the types of actors involved.
- This challenges the view that China has a single coherent strategy of expansion towards the region.