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Abstract

Recently new donors are beginning to challenge the international aid architecture of traditional Western donors by providing huge amounts of foreign aid to Sub-Saharan African (SSA) countries without political conditions attached, thereby undermining the bargaining power and influence of OECD DAC donors. Especially China's new role as aid donor causes a lot of scepticism among researchers. This master thesis investigates whether OECD DAC donors changed their aid allocation policies and patterns in response to rising Chinese foreign aid activities in SSA countries. So far, the literature investigating the relationship between foreign aid provided by traditional Western donors and aid by the Chinese government has been limited mostly due to the lack of accurate data on Chinese foreign aid. This study makes use of a new dataset on Chinese foreign aid flows in order to examine the response of OECD DAC donors to Chinese foreign aid activities in SSA between 2000 to 2014. It finds that contrary to current assumptions OECD DAC donors do not generally change their policies and aid allocation patterns as a response to Chinese aid activities in SSA. However, Chinese foreign aid seems to influence OECD DAC foreign aid commitments to the economic infrastructure sector.

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