

ASIA & LATIN AMERICA PROGRAM

Overview

The [Asia & Latin America Program](#) at the Inter-American Dialogue engages and informs academics, policymakers, and private sector leaders from the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), and across the Asian region on evolving themes in Asia-Latin America relations. Program events, publications, and task forces address areas of emerging and critical policy interest.

Featured Projects

Advancing a Hemispheric Vision of Economic Security

The Program is committed to devising a hemispheric approach to achieving US and broader regional economic security. This includes regular meetings of and outreach by a high-level steering committee, comprised of leading US and Latin American industry and other policy experts. Through reports and outreach, the Program advances a view of hemispheric engagement as fundamental to regional stability, economic security, and US and partner nation competitiveness. In addition, the Program conducts extensive research on Chinese and other investment trends in the region, including in frontier sectors, such as those that China calls “new infrastructure.”

Informing Regional Policy Toward Asia

Through in-depth research, including at the economic sectoral level, high-level convenings of public and private sector representatives and other key stakeholders, and public presentations of data, the Program is committed to informing officials and lawmakers across the region on developments in Asian affairs and Asia-Latin America relations.

Mapping Chinese Economic Engagement in LAC

The Program monitors the evolving landscape of China-LAC economic relations, with a particular focus on the impact of Chinese industrial

policy on its engagement with the Latin American region. Program analysis considers how trends in Chinese trade, investment, and finance shape the region's development prospects, drive policymaking at the national and subnational levels in LAC, and affect prospects for the other extra-regional partners. The Dialogue's *Regional Repository of Chinese Investments in Latin America*, produced in close collaboration with Chile's Millennium Nucleus on the Impacts of China in Latin America and the Caribbean, maps Chinese investment in select countries in the Latin American region since 2003, and classifies these investments by project type, economic sector, and companies involved. The Repository also contains georeferenced data on Chinese investment and construction in the region, as well as available case studies on individual projects. Additionally, the Dialogue has for many years been on the forefront of tracking China's financial engagement with the region. This includes through our *Chinese Loans to LAC Database* (co-produced with Boston University), which tracked over \$130 billion in state-backed loan commitments to the region, and also our Commercial Loans Tracker, which monitors Chinese commercial bank finance in LAC.

Tracking Developments in Japan-LAC Relations

For over a decade, the Program has worked hand-in-hand with the Japan Association of Latin America and the Caribbean to document developments in Japan's policy on and engagement with Latin America, as well as opportunities for US-Japan collaboration in the region.

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