

China Language & Culture Club, Fletcher Latin America Group (FLAG) and CIERP Present

## A Closer Look at China's Trade & Investment in Latin America Featuring Dr. Rebecca Ray

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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**Speaker:** Rebecca Ray, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Global Economic Governance Initiative, Global Development Policy Center, Boston University

**Topic of the Discussion:** China has become an increasingly important partner for Latin America in the last few decades. It is now the top export market for South America, the top source of development finance for all of Latin America, and the second most important source of investment for the region. However, this new partnership has also brought new risks. China's demand has spurred a commodity boom that has driven new mining, drilling, and plantations into the Amazon rainforest. Furthermore, Chinese development finance does not come with environmental or social requirements, enabling projects

deemed too risky to ecosystems and communities for traditional multilateral development banks to support. Nonetheless, Latin American countries have some of the world's most ambitious social and environmental protections, and a highly mobilized civil society. This talk will bring together new research from field case studies and regional statistical analysis to examine how well Latin America is handling these new opportunities and challenges.