



Onsite Session: English 1. – (Geo)politics through Markets and Meals

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American-Chinese Strategic Competition in Latin America

The presentation would initiate from a brief historic perspective and explain why Washington considers Latin America as its 'back yard'. Furthermore, it will explain how Washington misinterpreted its new role after the Cold War and created a vacuum, which China persistently filled in the region during the last ten years. China's move is concentrated on the investment and control of strategic and 'dual-use' infrastructures, rare-earth minerals and the modernization of information flows, while using coercive diplomacy and chaining credit-hungry regional countries to itself. The presentation will highlight the results of this Chinese strategy in Latin America and how the current US administration and its new National Security Strategy is aiming to fight it.

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