The recent two decades has been seen as the rapid development of developing countries, such as BRICs, leading to “a shift in global wealth” and rebalancing of economic powers. Among them, China has been regarded as the most dynamic engine of growth in the world economy and the driver of the economic recovery. This new world situation has attracted the most attention due to its fast-paced economic growth and its impacts on the rest of the world, especially after the forecasts by IMF which indicate that China’s GDP, measuring in PPP terms, will exceed that of the United States in 2016. In this context, China-Latin American relations are more dynamic than the rest of the world. More news, articles, books and official documents related to this subject have been recently published. Some of them are positive, but some are negative. The focus of this lecture is to explore and analyze what the rising economic importance of China means for Latin America from the Chinese perspective.

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