

The journal Competition and Regulation in Network Industries (Sage) is launching a call for papers for a special issue on:

**“The other side of the Silk Road”
Chinese Investments in Latin American Infrastructures**

The special issue will be published in Fall 2019. Papers should be interdisciplinary in nature, but can be written from economic, financial, international relations, legal, or political science perspectives. Papers will be evaluated and selected by small group of globally established expert professors in this area.

Deadline for abstract submission: September 30th, 2018

Conference at Lima, Peru: November 7th to 9th, 2018

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Theme

The consolidation of the People's Republic of China as a new world power is an indisputable fact (Shambaugh 2013, 4). At the same time, the growing presence of China around the world is evident. In Latin America, China is both an important commercial actor and a fundamental investor (CEPAL, 2015, 37-38). The interests of China in Latin America are considerable, with companies and brands that reach more and more notoriety. This phenomenon has different causes, among them, the search of the recognition and prestigious; the desire to strengthen the yuan as an international currency; the look for the preservation of the free trade as a way to guarantee the Chinese economic growth and the promotion of the economic interest of Chinese companies. This situation has three fundamental actors: the State, the companies, and the quasi-governmental organizations. These actors deploy an exact and integral strategy in the region; in consequence, at the present day, China and Latin America have established stronger economic ties (Yang 2015, 298). Now, the expansion of China in Latin America is in a new phase that involved an ambitious infrastructure investment program. This

Special Issue promotes a comprehensive approach to understand the reasons, dynamics, mechanisms, and process of the Chinese investment in Latin America.

Subject Coverage

The special issue will cover the following topics, but are not limited, to:

- The expansion of the Chinese investment in Latin America in the infrastructure sector
- The effect of the regulation in this process
- The advantages of the Chinese model of financing investment versus the Traditional Western model of infrastructure financing
- The interaction between the Chinese government and local and national governments to promote the construction of infrastructure
- The institutional framework to impede or facilitate the Chinese expansion in the infrastructure sector
- The effects of the market structure in the specific context of Latin America as a consequence of the project of Chinese infrastructure
- The types of strategies and organizational forms, public and private, involved in the growth of the Chinese financing for infrastructure
- The economic, political and social impact in the Latin America countries as a consequence of the Chinese projects in infrastructure

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Notes for Prospective Authors

All papers must be submitted through the website (<https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/crni>) of Competition and Regulation in Network Industries. When submitting the manuscript, indicate that is to be considered for the special Issue “**The other side of the Silk Route: Chinese Investment in Latin American Infrastructure**”.

Submitted papers should not have been previously published nor be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. Submission should be approved by all authors. Papers will be selected through a peer-review process. A guide for authors, sample copies and other relevant information are available on the *Author Guidelines* page. Please submit at <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/crni>

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Important Dates

1. Deadline for abstract submission: September 30th, 2018 (Directly to mmontoya@itesm.mx)
2. Previously to send the final version it is highly recommended to **participate in Fudan Latin America University Consortium (FLAUC) Conference 2018. November 7-9, 2018, at Lima, Peru**. Host Universities are Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos (UNMSM) & ESAN.
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