



Running Like a Cheetah

This month has been particularly hectic with my teaching commitments, which tend to be highly concentrated within a few weeks of the year. I began at the **University of Cape Town** and subsequently moved to **Sciences Po** in Paris. Additionally, in 2024, I will be a visiting professor at the **Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales**. Reflecting on this experience brings to mind the numerous leading intellectuals associated with this esteemed institution, whose works I avidly consumed during my formative years as a young researcher in Paris while pursuing my PhD. This journey, culminating 26 years ago in the vibrant city of Paris, continues to shape my academic pursuits profoundly.

My recent contributions



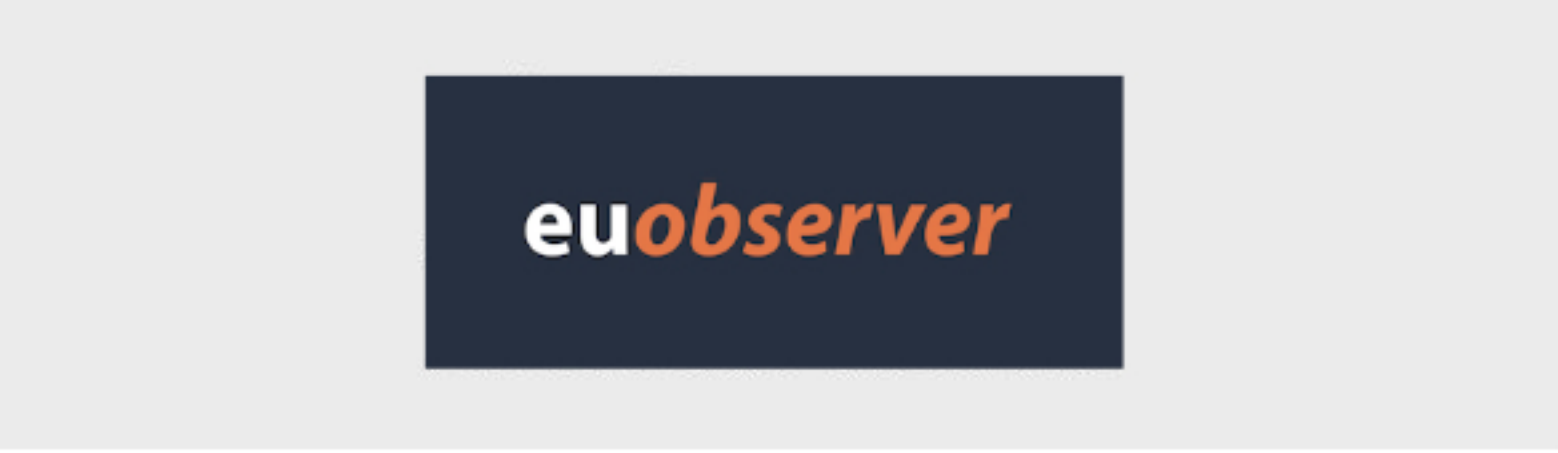
China Daily

I had the pleasure of contributing an article titled "[Trust between China, Africa: A Precious Asset](#)" to China Daily, which was prominently featured on the front page. In this piece, I sought to raise awareness about the risks associated with the gradual erosion of the trust capital painstakingly built between China and Africa. I underscored the importance of maintaining robust engagements between the two sides, particularly amidst the current challenges stemming from domestic economic difficulties within the Chinese economy.



South China Morning Post

An article published by the South China Morning Post, Singapore's premier newspaper, delves into the topic of "[How Hunan's New African Trade Hub Could Propel the Landlocked Chinese Province to 'Catch Up' with Coastal Powerhouses](#)." This insightful piece is based on my interview, wherein I outlined the prevailing trade dynamics between China and Africa.



EU Observer

The EU Observer's article "[Adaptation and Green Minerals Lead Africa's 2024 Climate Agenda](#)" captures Europe's escalating interest in Africa's strategic mineral potential and highlights my concerns about unilateral decision-making processes that may disadvantage Africa.

Don't miss out (below) on the insightful interview conducted by Abebe Aemro Selassie, Director of the IMF's African Department. Tune in on Wednesday, on Africa Perspectives, where I delved into the key obstacles hindering Africa's economic performance and advocated for transformative approaches to development, including adopting green energy solutions.

My Videos and Podcasts



Development Leadership Dialogue: Jonathan di John talks to Carlos Lopes, SOAS, March



The Africa Cheetah Run: Transforming Obstacles into Economic Opportunities, IMF, 27 March

