

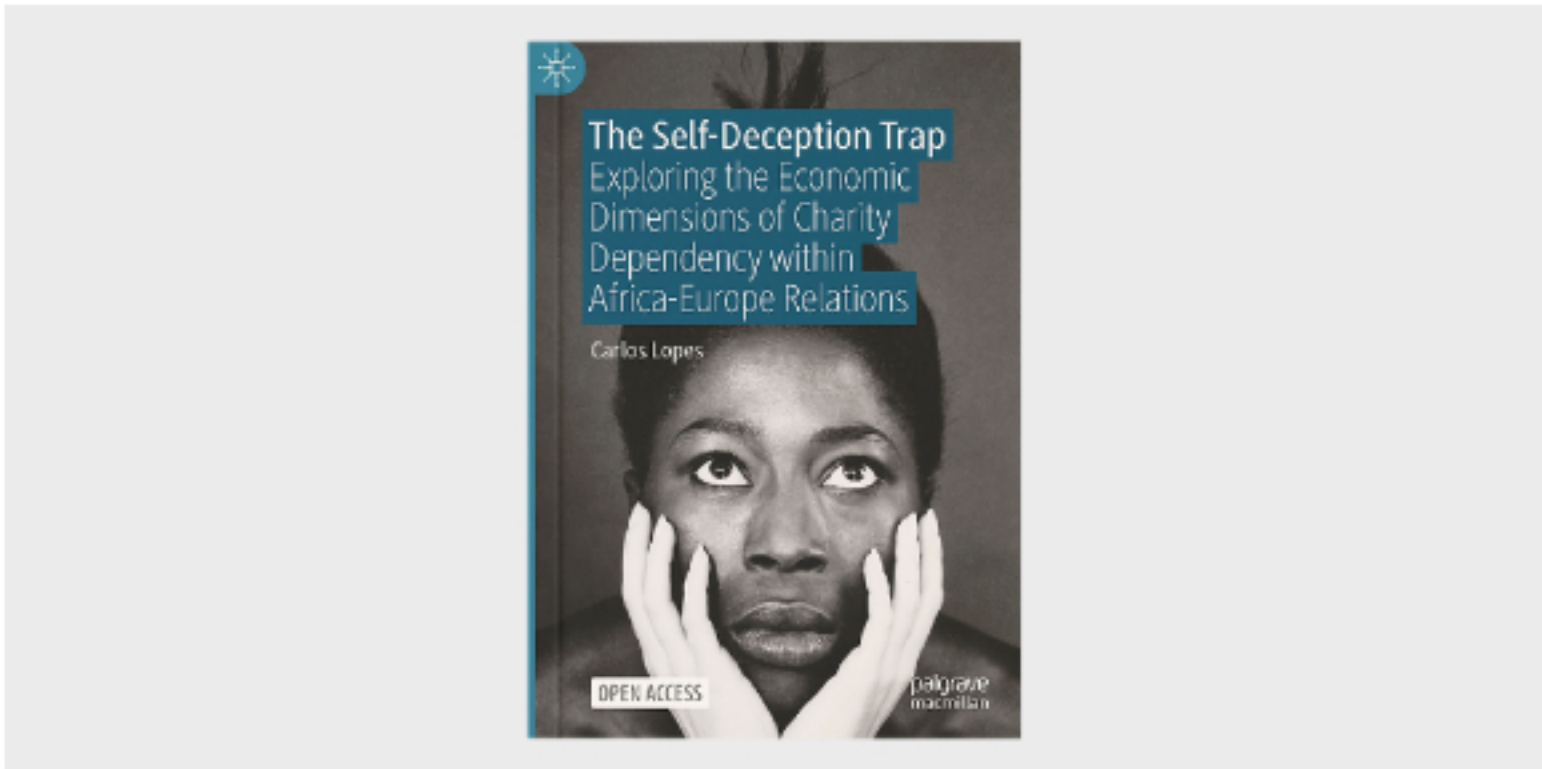


AFRICA CHEETAH RUN

CARLOS LOPES' BLOG



Running Like a Cheetah



My new book "The Self Deception Trap" continues to receive rave reviews and has attracted significant media attention, with notable articles by [New African](#), [Financial Afrik](#), [African Business](#), [Magazine de l'Afrique](#), [Brazilian CGN](#), [Cabo Verdean Balai](#), [Noticias ao Minuto](#), [Radio Raizes](#), [Bilaterals](#), and other prominent publications. [Kwame Ofori Appiah provided an excellent synthesis of the book](#), capturing key insights and nuances with clarity from a webinar facilitated by Omar Ben Yadder, CEO of IC Publications. This coverage underscores the book's relevance and impact, as it delves into the complexities of Africa-Europe relations and addresses longstanding challenges with fresh insights.



I was pleased to join a group of around 100 leading economists in writing an [Open Letter to the International Monetary Fund's Board of Directors](#), advocating for significant reform of its rate of charge and surcharge policies. These policies place a disproportionate burden on vulnerable countries, particularly when they face external shocks beyond their control. The letter underscores the urgent need for fairness in the IMF's approach, especially for nations grappling with crises they did not cause. The issue received attention at the recent IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings, where it was discussed, and while some progress was made, it was not nearly enough. Economics Nobel Prize winner Joseph Stiglitz, a leading voice in this effort, provided critical contributions to our collective call for reform.

My latest contributions



China Daily

In my contribution to the China Daily review, [Chinese Modernization Offers Lessons for Africa](#), I discussed how China's structural transformation provides critical insights for Africa's industrial policy formulation. By examining China's successful strategies in modernizing its economy and driving large-scale industrial growth, I highlighted the valuable lessons Africa can draw to advance its own structural transformation. These lessons, especially in targeted policy design and sustainable industrial development, offer African nations a roadmap for accelerating economic growth and building resilient, diversified economies.



South China Morning Post

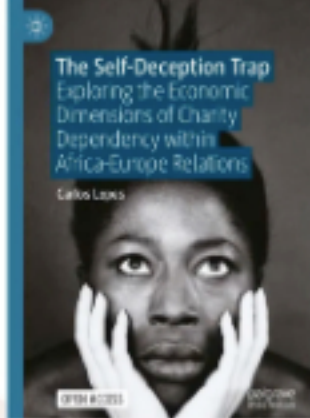
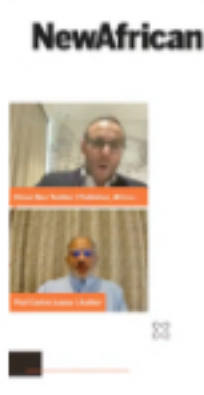
In my article for the South China Morning Post, [Harris or Trump – What Do the US Presidential Candidates Offer Africa?](#), I explore the potential impacts of the 2024 U.S. presidential candidates on Africa's economic and geopolitical landscape. By examining each candidate's stance on trade, investment, and foreign policy, I discuss how their approaches could shape U.S.-Africa relations, influence Africa's strategic priorities, and address key challenges on the continent. This analysis provides a nuanced look at the policy choices facing Africa in the context of the U.S. election, highlighting the stakes for African nations as they consider their partnerships in a shifting global order.



A Green and Just Planet

In the publication [A Green and Just Planet](#), produced by the Group of Experts for Climate under Brazil's G20 Presidency, I contributed to shaping a comprehensive vision for sustainable and equitable climate action. This work highlights pathways to address climate change that prioritize both environmental sustainability and social justice, emphasizing policies that support vulnerable communities and foster global collaboration. As a member of the expert group, I joined others in presenting actionable recommendations aimed at building a resilient, inclusive future for all, aligning climate goals with economic equity and development priorities.

My Videos and Podcasts



African Business Magazine

Breaking the Dependency Cycle, New African/African Business, 11 October

France24

Sommet des Brics : Vladimir Poutine affiche à Kazan l'entente avec ses partenaires, FRANCE24, 23 October

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CGTN Europe

BRICS Expansion: Can the Bloc Maintain Cohesion and Equal Representation?, CGTN, 23 October

Brazil Africa Institute

Renewable Power: Building Block for a Sustainable Energy Future, Brazil Africa Forum 2024, 24 October

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