Media headlines present a picture of China’s involvement in Africa that focuses on China’s growing need for resources and its focus on investment instead of development assistance. Professor Deborah Bräutigam, a leading authority on China’s role in Africa, goes beyond the headlines to sort the myths from the realities of China’s aid and economic engagement.

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