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This poster explains China’s increased presence in Africa using the theories formulated on European imperialism in Africa. Each text box on the perimeter of the poster represents a specific theory. The text box at the top left explains China’s presence using Hobson’s theories on the economic needs of imperialism. The graph below shows the extreme concentration of Chinese investment in resource-rich and large market African economies, such as South Africa, Algeria, Nigeria, to show that China’s motives are largely economic.

The text box at the top right explains Dependency theory and the ways this manifests in Sino-African relations. The graph below that shows China’s increased land grabs in Africa and the location of these acquisitions. Land grabs, a feature of accumulation by dispossession, are explained further in the case study of China’s engagement with the Democratic Republic of Congo, presented in the center of the poster. The arrows surrounding this case study represent the endless cycle of imperialism, and the manifestation of the different theories in Sino-Congolese and other Sino-African relations.