Transparency -

Feedback

What I love

1. How to square the secrecy of Chinese assistance with other visible activities like high-level visits and media coverage. Intentional or not (capacity – CIDCA).

Question – I was asking that question!

Buy the leader visit – some literature there you should look at.

Media coverage as a proxy for importance – but doesn’t it matter *what* is being said? What is the benefit to developing countries of more media coverage in Xinhua – who does Agenda setting benefit them? Shows their domestic audience China thinks leader is important – as scarcity? Is purpose to support the host country or to tell PRC’s story well?

Concern

Unobserved counfounders? BRI?

Robustness with ln(measure+1)?

Reduced form notation should indicate lag

1. Does 1 year lag really take care of endogeneity? Aid is probably serially-correlated – probably need LDV

Are diplomacy and media coverage really *leading* indicators of aid? Or do they all signal the same thing?

More on the IV approach.

Proportional hazard- when country first starts getting aid?

Leader visit as binary indiactor?

Contemporaneous even stronger?

1. Ways forward - What can you do? Only some types (OOF) are secret? What is announced at these high-level visits? AidData records commitment data. “Foreign Aid” – pull out those articles about aid and vists.
2. More on data – some descriptives – maps.

Some literature you’ll want to review on folks that have looked at Chinese high-level visits and some on Xinhua.

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