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Selected Sub-Saharan African countries in the policies of the United States and China: a study of pro-development support after 1989.

The purpose of the dissertation was to analyse the policies of the United States of America and People's Republic of China towards sub-Saharan African countries, as well as American and Chinese efforts for socio-economic development in the region after 1989.

The analysis was conducted while taking into account the historical and cultural context and the changes in the international discourse of development. It also referred to the issue of identity and interests of the U.S. and China, their foreign policies and perception of the international system, as well as the position of Sub-Saharan African countries. For the purpose of case study, two sub-Saharan African countries – Ghana and Rwanda – were selected.

The following research questions were formulated:

1. How did the United States and China's policies and their development for the development of Sub-Saharan African countries change after 1989?
2. What are the main differences and similarities between the strategies and activities of the United States and China in relation to Sub-Saharan African countries and their development?
3. How do the policies and actions of the United States and China affect the understanding of the development and development strategies in Sub-Saharan African countries?

The main research hypothesis was as follows: American and Chinese policies and actions to support socio-economic development in Sub-Saharan Africa contain both convergent and divergent components, and the existing differences affect the formulation of dominant discourses, the policies of both powers and their approach to African countries.

The work consists of an introduction, six chapters, conclusion, a list of literature, a list of tables, charts and abbreviations. Chapter I discusses the main research approach used in analysis, that is a constructivist approach. It also presents changes in the development discourse in the historical context, main development theories and reorientation of the priorities in international development strategies. Chapter II presents the sub-Saharan Africa region and its place in the world history and international relations. Chapter III discusses the U.S. policy towards Sub-Saharan African countries and the U.S. efforts to support the development of the region. Chapter IV analyses China's policy towards Sub-Saharan Africa and China's development initiatives in the region. Chapter V deals with Ghana's socio-economic and political situation and Ghana's relations with the United States and China. Chapter VI discusses the socio-economic and political situation in Rwanda and its relations with the United States and China. The final part of the paper presents conclusion and the answers to the research questions verifying the thesis.