# Dr. Deborah Bräutigam Biography

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Description automatically generated with medium confidenceDr. Deborah Bräutigam is the Bernard L. Schwartz Professor of Political Economy and Director of the China Africa Research Initiative at Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

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