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***Homeland Defense and Future  
Warfighting Challenges  
arising from  
PRC Activities in Latin America  
And the Caribbean***

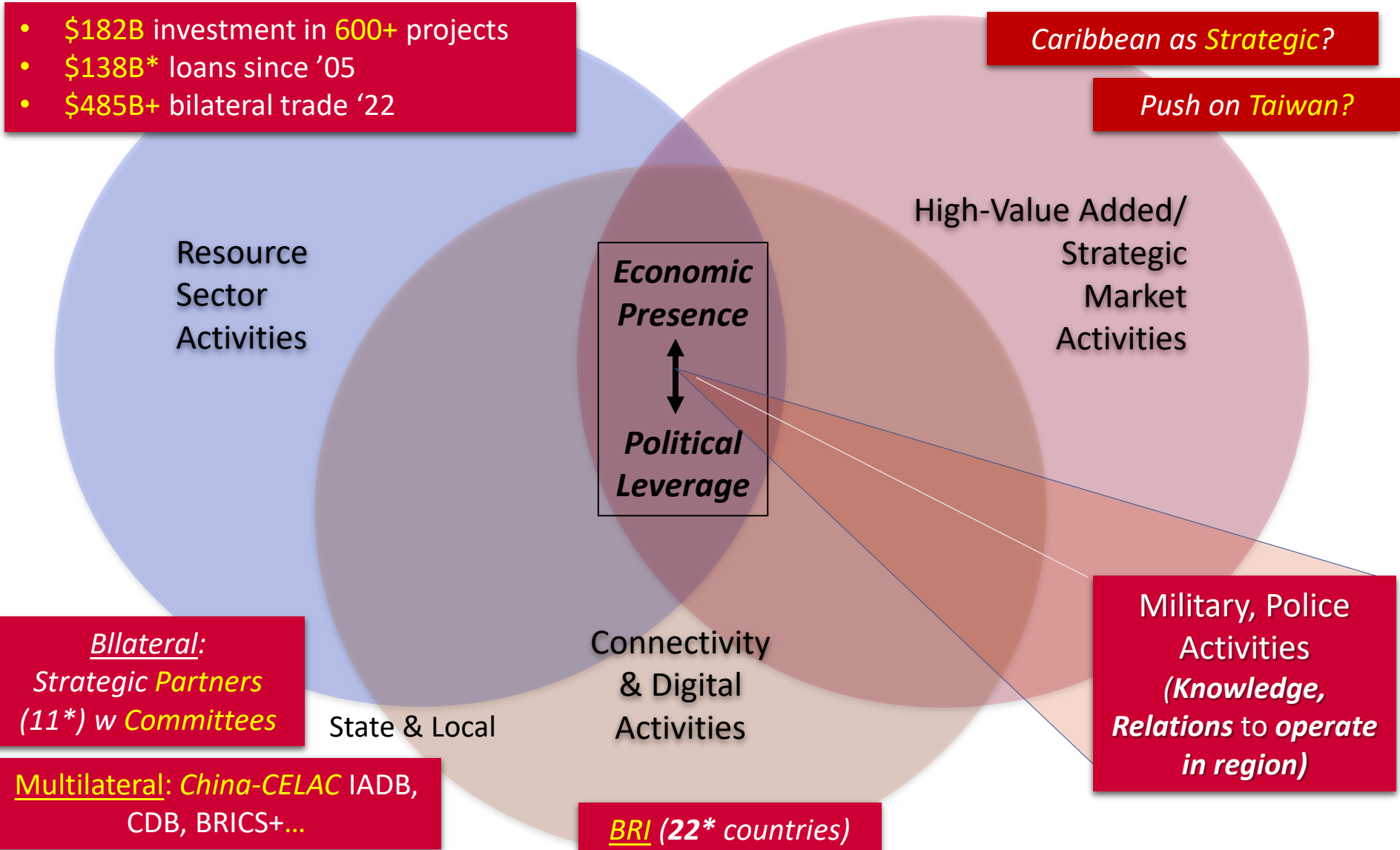
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# PRC Economic & Political Activities In Latin America



# Beyond Just Business: “Community of Common Destiny”

- BRI: 10-yr forum: Fernandez, Boric visits (Petro, Lacalle later)
- GDI: *Common cause* with developing nations (e.g. G-77+China)
- GCI: *Values relativism--Challenges “rules based international order”*
- GSI: Includes *governance* of data & AI, Space, Training
  - Engagement with CELAC, BRICS+ (*not Interamerican system*)

# PRC Digital Risks

- 2017 PRC **National Intelligence Law** *obligates* companies to turn over **data** of interest to Chinese state

Telecommunications – Huawei, ZTE, Xiaomi, Oppo, etc.

Surveillance Systems – Hikvision, Dahua, Smart/Safe Cities

Ride Share Apps – Didi Chuxing

Scanners – Nuctec

Port Cranes – ZPMC

Ecommerce – Alibaba / Temu, etc.

*Risks of PRC access to **Decision-making of / Leverage**  
**Over Partners + Intellectual Property in Country***

# Increasing Influence Networks In the Region

- Confucius Institutes (**45**) + **Scholarships**:
  - A “**gateway**” for China-interested LATAM Youth
- **Trips to PRC** (**6,000+** / 3 yrs)
  - **Influencing / compromising** PRC-facing academics, businesspeople, journalists, politicians, government personnel
- CCP-ILD “*United Front*” activities
  - PRC-Country X “Chambers of Commerce”
  - PRC “**Friendship Societies**”
- Chinese “Police Stations”:
  - Leveraging Ethnic PRC ties for **intelligence & control**

# PRC Military Activities in Latin America

## 1. Arms Sales:

- **Anti-US** regimes → others (Peru T-90B, VN-1s?, Chile UAVs, Argentina ~~JF-17~~, Uruguay ~~OPVs~~)
- **Gifts** (busses/ATVs, tractors, incl to police)
  - **Quality issues:** Peru trucks, ammo, Ecuador radar
  - Complex logistics, maintenance relationships
  - **Contracting irregularities** (Peru T-90B, Bolivia Z-9 investigations)

*Relationships + Improving PLA Equipment & Global Ops*

*Dual-Use ports?*

## 2. Training and PME:

- NDU short courses → PLA Command Schools → PLA
- Cuba (on-site); NIC (*Police Training*); Suriname
- PLA → LAC: *Manaus, CCOPAB, Tolemaida (again?)*

*Relationships + Experience for wartime*

## 3. PLA Presence:

- MINUSTAH → Angel de la Paz → "Peace Ark" 2011, 2015, **2018** → Ex. w Chile (Dec '13)
  - Mil.-Mil visits, port calls; Wargame in VEN
  - Bejucal, Ushuaia private port?

*Defense Agreements (e.g. UY)?*

# PRC Space Activities in LAC

- Brazil:
  - **6\*** (CBERS) (last in Dec '19) / 1 **failure**?
  - Interest in **access to Alcantara** launch facility?
- Venezuela:
  - **3** (Venesat-1, VRSS, VRSS 2 [Oct 2017])
  - **Infra**: BAMARI (Guarico), Luepa (SE Bolivar)
- Bolivia:
  - Tupac Katari (Dec 2013), Bartolina Sisa?
  - **Infra**: Amachuma (La Paz), La Guardia (Sta Cruz)
- Argentina:
  - Neuquén DS radar, Polar? San Juan Obs., Nusat
- Chile: Paranal observatory (*not renewed by ESA?*)
- Peru (APSCO, satellite data sharing)

- **China-CELAC Space Cooperation Forum?**
- VEN, other LAC on PRC **Lunar Research Station?**
- PRC support to LAC Space Agency (**ALCE**)?

*PRC Access to  
Western Hemisphere  
Space in Wartime*

# Planning for the Risk of PRC Military Action Against Taiwan

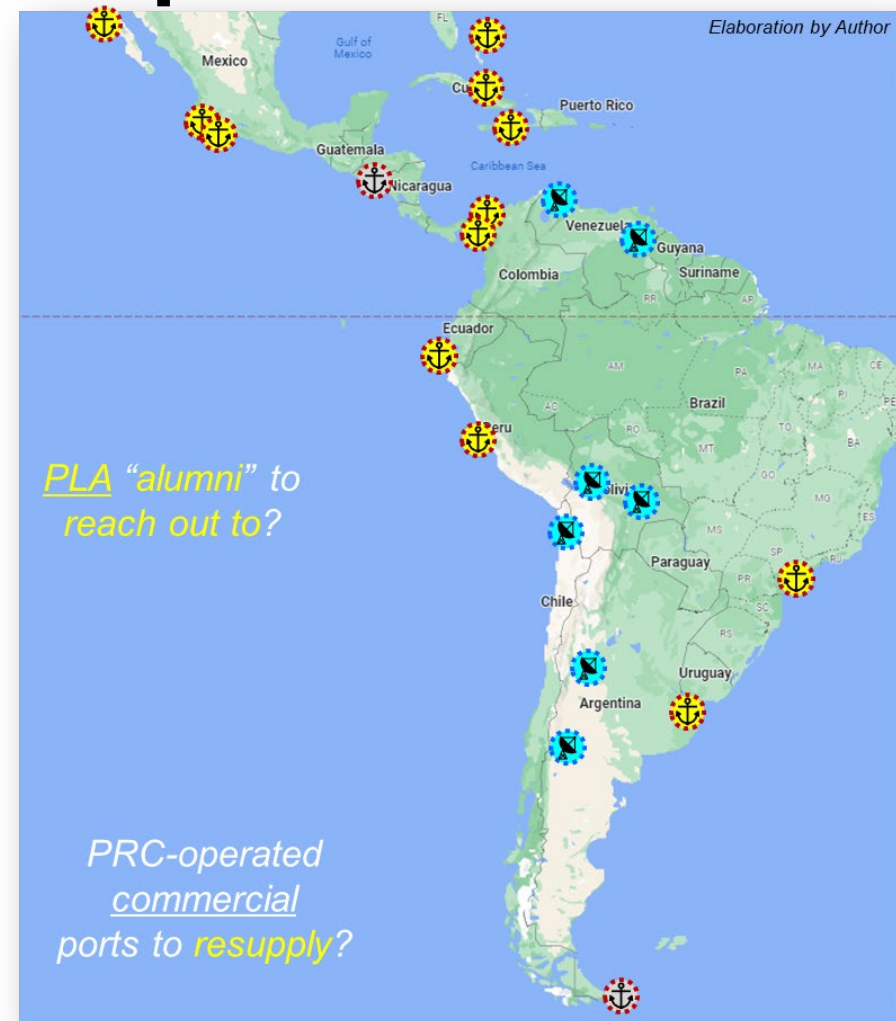
- Large Xi Jinping motivation to “**resolve**” issue of Taiwan autonomy before end of third term
- Growing PLA military **capability** and **superiority**  
+ *Loss of ROC partners*
- PRC economic constraints, but risk of **miscalculation**

Western Hemisphere: PLA would not just “wait”  
for the US to come to the **Indo-Pacific**



# Possibilities for PRC “Engagement” In time of War in the Western Hemisphere?

- **Political/Economic leverage:**
  - PRC attempt to **block** coalition support; US base access, intel cooperation, airspace, waterway use?
- PLA **intel, Special Ops** in region:
  - **Observe / attack** US deployment and sustainment flows to PACOM, **chokepoints**
    - Panama Canal
    - Straits of Magellan
  - Put **US Homeland** at risk
  - “**Deniable**” attacks x partners:
    - **Retribution** /Refugees to US border (**Cyber, Bio,** other)
- WHEM **ports:** projection + resupply
- PLA exploitation of WHEM space, cyber infrastructure?



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