

## **Infrastructure Growth in China: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly**

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### ***Abstract***

*China is the center of global economy today. It has been the fastest growing economy for a considerable period now and is the country with the largest foreign exchange reserve. Since China embarked on the path of globalization and liberalization around twenty seven years back, its infrastructure has grown at an amazing pace. The speed and scale of the projects like highways, bridges, fast speed railway links, ports, airports, high-rises has left the entire world amazed and in awe of Chinese efficiency. However, some experts and observers have started questioning the strength, quality and durability of these constructions. Other social scientists have produced research papers and articles about the immense social cost of these projects in terms of forceful acquisition of land, displacement of innumerable villages, poor resettlement policies and quashing of all resistance by the Chinese government with an iron fist. This working paper tries to assimilate the data from various secondary sources about the great achievements of Chinese infrastructure builders over the last two decades as well as show the dark side of this growth story.*

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