Abstract - Since the beginning of the twenty-first century, China and Brazil have maintained a dynamic political dialogue, both in bilateral and multilateral spheres, having created different mechanisms to further improve their common views about international politics and find solutions to shared problems. Aside from becoming a major trade partner since 2009, China also started to fulfill the role of a source of loans and investments in Brazil. Under this context where economic asymmetries between Brazil and China seem to be more explicit, this presentation asks if China and Brazil are moving away from the ideal model of South-South relations, based on a strategic partnership between developing countries, and assuming a much more cooperative or even competitive pattern of relationship. What China's investments would do for Brazil’s development? What are its positive and negative effects? The presentation will start with the discussion about the meaning of strategic partnership, cooperative and competitive relationship, as well as South-South relations concept. Then it will analyze the political and economic processes maintained between China and Brazil in national and global scenarios in order to identify and compare empirical elements with the patterns of relationship previously presented. In the conclusion we will answer the question about the profile of China - Brazil partnership.

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