

China, the Americas, and Energy



DOMESTIC AND REGIONAL TRENDS

Introduction and Overview



- **Venezuela: Biggest Opportunity, Biggest Challenge**
- **Two LAC Models: Liberal Pacific/Protectionist Atlantic**
- **North America: Coal, Fracking and Energy Market Transformation**
- **Conclusions**

Venezuela: Darkest Before the Dawn?



- **Despite rhetoric, all is not well**
 - Rising oil flow figures (600,000 b/d) flawed
 - Recent Maduro/Ramirez visit highlights weakness, not strength
- **Challenge: How to achieve win-win results as Venezuela's economic and political crisis deepens?**
 - Should China deepen or limit lending?
 - Do Orinoco contracts signal improved investment climate?
- **Lessons from others: Japan? United States?**

Liberal Pacific v Protectionist Atlantic?



- **The Atlantic's Disappointed Potential?**
 - Brazil: Oil, bio-fuels
 - Argentina: Oil, unconventional gas
- **The Liberal Pacific**
 - Chile: Investment Wanted
 - Colombia: Limited but Efficient Oil Production
 - Mexico: Lessons for Chinese Reform
- **Whither China? Impact of Domestic Reform Agenda**

North America: Old and New Energy



- **United States**
 - Embattled coal and Asia: Silver linings and local politics
 - Fracking and the Future of Natural Gas: US Energy Independence and National Policy
- **Canada**
 - Gateway for US coal?
 - Keystone XL: Are Venezuela's problems Canada's gain?
- **“Creative Destruction” based in the US, will have regional and global impacts**

Conclusions



- Domestic politics key to trends in energy from China, to Latin America to the United States
- May be that less energy-rich, but more open economies provide greatest opportunities for deepening energy cooperation with China
- As Latin America and China pursue energy reforms, should be room for sharing lessons