



*The latest from fellow Fernando Menéndez about China's place in Nicaragua:* "A few short years ago, Chinese investments in Latin America seemed to mean changing the nature of the hemisphere in economic, if not political, terms. One such possibility was a massive canal to traverse Central America, leading to increased commerce between oceans and physically altering the geography of the region. The canal, [one out of many proposed](#), was meant to serve as robust competition for the Panama Canal, seriously changing the calculations concerning intercontinental trade and commerce. It was also meant to establish China's footprint in the hemisphere. Today, the proposed Nicaraguan canal has not broken ground." Read the entire article to find out more about China's role in the Americas and the mythical canal, [here](#).