

China's Belt and Road Initiative and a New Era of Transcultural Networks?

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PROGRAMME

DAY 1

Monday, 27th May

Uppsala, University Main Building, Biskopsgatan 3, Hall IV

09:15 OPENING REMARKS

09:30 **PANEL 1: Addressing the BRI: inside and outside of China**

(Chair: Stefan Hedlund, IRES, Uppsala University)

- Xu Qinduo, China Media Group, the Pangoal Institution, 'Behind the BRI: the Chinese culture'
- Roza Turarbekava, Centre of Eurasian and European Studies, Belarusian State University, 'The BRI in Eurasia: an updated constructing of the region?'
- Maria Kobzeva, St. Petersburg State University, 'China's debates on the BRI – EAEU conjunction'
- Special discussant: Oscar Almén, Department of Government, Uppsala University

11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 **PANEL 2: The BRI-implied political and cultural affiliations in Eurasia**

(Chair: Maria Danilovich, IRES, Uppsala University)

- Afrasiab Khattak, Pakistan-China Institute, 'Socio-cultural connectivity between South and Central Asian regions in BRI framework'
- Bettina Ng'weno, University of California, Davis, 'Thinking One Belt One Road from the point of view of Indian Ocean Worlds'
- Neelima Jeychandran, Pennsylvania State University, 'From a historical ivory port to a BRI port: the transformation of Bagamoyo, Tanzania'

13:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 PANEL 3: **The BRI and regional security**

(Chair: Corine Wood-Donnelly, IRES, Uppsala University)

- Veena Ramachandran, Sri Ramaswamy Memorial Institute of Science and Technology, 'BRI: neutralizing Xinjiang and legitimizing stability-security paradigm'
- Roman Vakulchuk, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, 'BRI's impact in Central Asia from a project level perspective'
- Igbal Abilov, Department of International Relations, Belarusian State University, 'Implementing the BRI in a fragile region: China in the South Caucasus'

15:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:00 PANEL 4: **The BRI in Eurasia: new rules, new networks?**

(Chair: Michael Loader, IRES, Uppsala University)

- Zhou Jiayi, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), 'The agricultural Belt and Road: new geo-political economies and ecologies'
- Corine Wood-Donnelly, IRES, Uppsala University, 'Russian Arctic cosmology and the Ice Silk Road'
- Nikolai Fedorov, Department of International Relations, Saint Petersburg State University, 'The Greater Eurasian Partnership and the interaction between the BRI and the ASEAN'

DAY 2

Tuesday, 28th May

Uppsala, University Main Building, Biskopsgatan 3, Hall XI

9:30 **ROUPTABLE DISCUSSION** ‘Understanding the BRI-related Processes in Eurasia:
Approaches and Assessments’

(Chairs: Maria Danilovich, IRES, Uppsala University

Neelima Jeychandran, Pennsylvania State University)

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CLOSING REMARKS

11:00 COFFEE BREAK

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