Launched by Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2013, the “One Belt One Road” (OBOR) initiative is a centrepiece of Xi’s strategic vision for China’s position in the world. The initiative consists of the land-based Silk Road Economic Belt and the sea-based Maritime Silk Road. The land routes pass through most Eurasian landmass while the sea routes connect many ports along the Eurasian coastline. From end to end, both land and sea routes connect China to Europe.

The East Asian Institute has brought together scholars from relevant regions to assess the implementation and impact of the OBOR, also known as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Comprising four sessions, the workshop focuses on geopolitical, financial and economic challenges facing China’s OBOR, as well as its ripple effect in the region and the world at large. The first session provides an overview of the OBOR, while the second session focuses on the development of the Maritime Silk Road through Southeast and South Asia. The third session discusses the Silk Road Economic Belt through Central Asia and the Middle East, while the last session reviews the OBOR’s impact on Europe.

~ Tentative Programme ~

As at 29 October

8.15 – 8.50 am Registration

8.50 – 9.00 am Opening Remarks
Prof Zheng Yongnian, Director, East Asian Institute, NUS

9.00 am – 10.30 am Session 1 - Overview of the One Belt One Road
Chaired by Dr Chen Gang, East Asian Institute, NUS

1. Reflection on the ‘Belt and Road’ Initiative: Five Years On
Dr Yu Hong, East Asian Institute, NUS

2. OBOR and China’s Trade
Dr Sarah Tong, East Asian Institute, NUS

3. Contesting China’s OBOR: Principles and Praxis of the US Superpower and Regional Great Powers of Japan and India
Dr Lam Peng Er, East Asian Institute, NUS

10.30 – 10.45 am Tea Break
10.45 am – 12.15 pm  **Session 2 - The Maritime Silk Road**  
Chaired by Dr Lance Gore, East Asian Institute, NUS

4.  **The OBOR in Southeast Asia and its Responses**  
Dr Kong Tuan Yuen, East Asian Institute, NUS

5.  **Singapore-China Connectivity and its Role in the OBOR**  
Dr Sarah Chan, East Asian Institute, NUS

6.  **South Asia and the Maritime Silk Road**  
Dr Pradeep Taneja, University of Melbourne, Australia

12.15 – 1.30 pm  **Lunch**

1.30 – 2.30 pm  **Session 3 - The Silk Road Economic Belt**  
Chaired by Dr Zhao Litao, East Asian Institute, NUS

7.  **Central Asia in the Overland Silk Road: Building on Regional Energy Cooperation**  
Dr Serik Orazgaliyev, Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan

8.  **The OBOR in the Middle East**  
Dr Altay Atli, Koç University, Istanbul

2.30 – 2.45 pm  **Tea Break**

2.45 – 4.15 pm  **Session 4 - Europe and the OBOR**  
Chaired by Dr Chiang Min-Hua, East Asian Institute, NUS

9.  **European Perspectives on the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative**  
Prof Erik Baark, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology & East Asian Institute, NUS

10.  **Engaging with China’s Belt and Road Initiative: Views from Central Europe**  
Dr Alica Kizeková, Institute of International Relations, Prague, Czech Republic

11.  **No losers? The BRI Factor in China-EU Relationship**  
Dr Giuseppe Gabusi, University of Turin & Torino World Affairs Institute, Italy

4.15 – 4.45 pm  **General Discussion**

4.45 – 5.00 pm  **Concluding Remarks**  
Prof Zheng Yongnian, Director, East Asian Institute, NUS

6.00 pm  **Dinner for speakers, chairpersons and invited guests**

*End of Workshop*

* Note: The allocated time for each paper presenter is 20 minutes with Q & A at the end of each session.

Registration has closed. Thank you for your interest in our event.  
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