



# **1<sup>ST</sup> BELT ROAD INITIATIVE SUMMIT**

## **PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

One Belt One Road Programme, University of Oxford

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## **Session 1. Opening Remarks**

Speaker 1. Professor Denis Galligan, Director of Oxford One Belt One Road (OBOR) Programme

Speaker 2. Tan Sri Dr Michael Yeoh, CEO and Director of the Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute; Chairman of the World Chinese Economic Summit

Speaker 3. Dr Mukhisa Kituyi (TBC), Secretary-General of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Speaker 4. Dr Lijin Yan, Chairman of the Law and Globalization Research Centre in Renmin University of China; Co-Chairman of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Council

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## **Session 2. Case Studies of the One Belt One Road Initiative**

OBOR has been acting as a springboard to international business, and is a win-win strategy for both China and the Belt-Road countries. With \$900bn of planned investments ranging from ports in Pakistan and Sri Lanka to high-speed railways in East Africa to gas pipelines crossing central Asia, China's OBOR initiative is arguably the largest overseas investment drive ever launched by a single country. The joint China-France Hinkley Point nuclear project in Britain has been listed by Chinese officials as an OBOR project.

Case studies of the OBOR initiative can give insight into the influence this project poses on the OBOR countries, and may bring academia and industries of the future potential opportunities.

Speaker 1. Count Francesco da Mosto, renowned architect, author, historian, film maker and television presenter

Speaker 2. Dr Si Xiao, Tencent Chief Research Officer

Speaker 3. Professor Donna Kurtz & Count Francesco da Mosto on culture heritage

Speaker 4. Mr Biao Ding, Head of CRRC's Europe infrastructure market strategy and regional policy development

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## **Session 3. One Belt One Road and the Law**

The OBOR initiative is one of the most ambitious and challenging programmes of international coordination ever attempted. To serve the purpose of promoting trade and other collaborations among OBOR countries, the initiative has to be operated under an advanced legal framework, with legal spirit and legal culture. Such legal frameworks include general constitutional provisions for the creation of suitable institutions and laws governing and regulating a wide variety of activities relating to finance, investment, trade and business, and others concerned with the exchange and protection of cultural heritage.

This session is designed to address discussions of legal issues listed above, to not only identify major legal issues involved in the project, but also propose potential solutions to them.

Speaker 1. Professor Denis Galligan, Director of Oxford OBOR Programme

Speaker 2. Dr Ying Yu, Deputy Director of Oxford OBOR Programme

Speaker 3. Mr Adrian Hughes QC, Chairman of the China Law Council

Speaker 4. Mr Neil Sampson, Partner of Rosenblatt law firm

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## **Session 4. Panel: World Responses to the Belt and Road**

The past year witnessed the UK becoming the first among major western countries to join the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, which opened the prelude of China-UK cooperation on the Belt and Road Initiative. The past year also witnessed Chinese President Xi Jinping paying a “Super State Visit” to the UK, which unveiled the “Golden Era” in China-UK relations. China’s Belt and Road initiative is not just an aspiration; it is becoming a reality for British and Chinese governments as well as business partners. Speaking to 1,500 delegates in Beijing at the opening of the inaugural Belt and Road Forum (BRF), attended by 29 world leaders, UK Chancellor Philip Hammond said Britain was a natural partner for China’s new \$1 trillion Silk Road programme as he seeks new opportunities for post-Brexit trade.

Speaker 1. Dr Graham Mott, Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD

Speaker 2. Mr Chris Cotton (TBC), Director of China-Britain Business Council

Speaker 3. Professor Keyu Jin, Professor of Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

Speaker 4. Dr Tengfei Wang (TBC), Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)