One Belt One Road Summit
A Challenge for International Coordination and Cooperation

Presented by the Oxford OBOR Programme, Faculty of Law, Oxford University

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Faculty of Law, Oxford University
One Belt One Road, also known as The Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st-century Maritime Silk Road, is a development strategy proposed by the Chinese government in 2013. The area covered by the New Silk Road is primarily Asia and Europe, including more than 60 nations. The programme will include the creation of new economic corridors to promote trade, investment, economic activities, technological innovation and the movement of people. It will also examine way of promoting and protecting the rich cultural heritage along the Road.
The summit

The purpose of the Oxford One Belt One Road Summit is to examine the international issues raised by the New Silk Road, a project of potentially major significance for many nations and the global community. The summit will examine aspects of OBOR from various perspective, including: the legal and regulatory; trade and business; consumers’ rights; cultural heritage; art and media.

Oxford One Belt One Road Programme

The One Belt One Road Programme, established at Oxford University in 2016, is an independent programme of research. The purpose of the OBOR programme is to conduct research concerning the common legal, socio-legal, and regulatory, framework, and the accompanying issues raised by the New Silk Road Strategy.

As a major effort at international coordination and cooperation, the New Silk Road raises many interesting and important issues for the nations and organizations affected and involved. The New Silk Road takes two directions: one concerns business, trade and finance; the other matters of of environment, cultural heritage, and the quality of life.

To provide the legal, regulatory, and institutional structure for these various activities in all their dimensions, requires a level of international planning never before encountered. If to that is added the inherently cross border nature, not only trade, business and commerce, but also issues of environment, cultural heritage, and quality of life - the challenges are even greater.

The Oxford OBOR Programme encourages a cross-disciplinary approach to the research issues, recognising the importance for a full understanding of a range of disciplines, including economics, sociology, geography, and anthropology.
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Programme Outline

**Day One:** Plenary Sessions

Session I: *Opening Remarks*

Session II: *Selected Issues Arising from OBOR*

Session III: *Legal and Regulatory Issues Arising from OBOR*

Session IV: *World Responses to OBOR*

**Day Two:** Panel Discussions

Session I: *Legal Infrastructure*

Session II: *Science: New Horizons*

Session III: *Art, Culture, and Media*

Session IV: *Consumer Protection*

Session V: *Digital Economy*
Full Programme

Day One: Wednesday 13th September

10.00am    Registration

10.30 – 11.45    Session I: Opening Remarks

One Belt One Route: A Programme of International Coordination and Cooperation

Topics and Speakers:

- *Introduction to the One Belt One Road Programme: the International Dimensions*
  
  D. J. GALLIGAN, Oxford University

- *Shared Future: BRI international coordination and cooperation*
  
  Lijin YAN, Chairman of Silk Road International Foundation

- *Postures of Multi-Professionalism from Multi-Jurisdictions Toward BRI*
  
  Tan Sri Michael YEOH, CEO of Asian Strategy& Leadership Institute; Chairman of World Chinese Economic Forum

11.45 – 12.00    Coffee break
**12.00 – 13.15 Session II: Selected issues arising from OBOR**

Topics and Speakers:

- **OBOR with Global Trade**  
  Graham MOTT, United Nations (UNCTAD)

- **Central Asian Characteristics on China’s New Silk Road: The Role of Landscape and the Politics of Infrastructure**  
  Troy STERNBERG, Oxford University

- **Communicating OBOR: the Role of News Media and Its Implications**  
  Zhenqiu GU, London Bureau, Xinhua News Agency

- **Linked Heritage**  
  Donna KURTZ, Oxford University

**13.15 – 14.30 Lunch break**

**14.30 – 15.45 Session III: The Legal and Regulatory Issues Arising from OBOR**

Topics and Speakers:

- **Dispute Resolution in Relation to OBOR**  
  Adrian Hughes, QC, China Law Council, 39 Essex Chamber

- **UK-China Commercial Litigation**  
  Neil SAMPSON, Rosenblatt

- **Cross-border Transactions and the Cyber-dimension**  
  Ying YU, Oxford University
15.45 – 16.00  Coffee break

16.00 – 17.15  Session IV: World Responses to OBOR

Topics and Speakers:

- **The UK Response to OBOR**
  Barry HEMBLING, Fladgate LLP

- **US Strategy Towards China’s Belt and Road Initiative**
  Gal LUFT, Institute for the Analysis of Global Security

- **OBOR Economic Impact**
  David VINES, Oxford University

17.15 – 18.00  Drinks Reception
Day Two: Thursday 14th September

Informal Panels

9.00 – 9.30 am Reception

09.30 – 11.00 Session I: Legal Infrastructure

The variety and diversity of constitutional, legal, and regulatory systems among the member nations of OBOR present major issues for international coordination, consistency, and cooperation. Some developing countries do not have a sufficiently developed or robust constitutional, legal, and regulatory infrastructure; others are likely to be incomplete and untested as suitable for the levels of coordination required if OBOR is to succeed. Hong Kong Justice Secretary Rimsky Yuen has commented on why it is necessary to overcome this obstacle: “The joint efforts of providing robust legal services to the Belt and Road economies will contribute to the building of a transnational legal order, which will in turn promote the rule of law at the international level, and thus ultimately contribute to human advancement.”

As OBOR significantly increases the volume of cross border transactions following developments in e-commerce, migration, and tourism, the issue of cross-border redress has come to the fore. While difficulties in resolving cross-border disputes have inhibited cross-border transactions for some years now, China is undergoing a major reform in Consumer Protection Law with consumer redress being a top priority. Although China is anchoring its hopes on introducing class action into the law to remedy deficient consumer-redress mechanisms, its suitability for the task is not yet known. For example, the EU is of the view that class action is not effective in redressing consumer grievances in most cases, whereas ADR provides a more promising approach. What are some of the innovative mechanisms and best practice currently employed by other legal systems in dealing with consumer disputes.
Communication and collaboration on science and technology are key elements of OBOR. China shares many challenges with the UK and the rest of the world, such as aging population, sustainable energy, medical and healthcare, precision agriculture and smart manufacturing. Since the beginning of a “golden era” of UK-China relations in 2015, the research collaboration and technology translation between two states have been greatly reinforced. Although there are many differences in culture and policy, we will treat them as opportunity, not threat.

In this session, we will showcase the successful technology translation between China and the UK. Robotics and healthcare will be highlighted. The advance in medical, biological and robotics in the UK is embracing the fast-growing market in China. “Knowledge is the new commodity” in the OBOR.
12.45 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 15.15 Session III: Art, Culture, and Media

Among the aims and objectives of OBOR, several are especially prominent: policy coordination; ease of trade; financial integration; and people to people bonds. This session will mainly focus on the last goal: people to people bonds, in other words, OBOR will focus on the practices and impact of heritage preservation and cultural exchange along the ancient and modern Silk Road: consideration will be given to the factors promoting or impeding cultural trade among the participating countries. It will discuss how communication about the OBOR, e.g., media coverage, commentaries, narratives, influences people’s understanding and perception of the initiative; together with other relevant issues.

- Jufang WANG, Warwick University (Chair)
- Denis GALLIGAN, Oxford University (Co-Chair)
- Count Francesco da MOSTO, Venice
- Howard ZHANG, BBC Chinese Service
- Lisa LIN, Royal Holloway, University of London
- Jie YU, LSE
15.15 – 16.30  *Session IV: Consumer Protection*

The OBOR programme must confront the particular problems created by cross-border consumer-protection: how are we to understand justice for the consumer, and by what means can it be achieved? The *United Nations Guidelines on Consumer Protection of 2015* (Guidelines 2015) provides an advanced global standard on consumer protection for the purpose of delivering justice to every consumer. As countries along the OBOR routes have adopted various interpretations and practices, it is important to apply Guidelines 2015 as a common understanding, aimed at harmonising the enormous diversity through international cooperation. This would be a major step towards adequate delivery of justice. How can we best establish best practice to assist with the implementation of Guidelines 2015?

- Thierry BOURGOIGNIE, Universite du Quebec (Chair)
- Robin SIMPSON, Consumers International
- Hassan QAQAYA, Melbourne University
- Graham MOTT, United Nations (UNCTAD)
- Ying YU, Oxford University

16.30 – 16.45  *Coffee break*

16.45 – 18.15  *Session V: Digital Economy*

A key feature of the One Belt One Route is the creation of a digital Silk Road. The policy areas of OBOR are in practice intertwined; they include the building of physical and digital infrastructures, the physical and online trading of goods, and the integration of banking systems through Fintech. A pressing issue is how cyber-security fares against a sea change in all areas of the traditional and digital economies. For instance, the cyber-attacks in 2007 on Estonia shows that higher connectivity also increases vulnerability. What do these operational transformations mean for governance, and vice versa, in terms of international and multilateral collaboration on cyber-security issues?

The consumer populations along the OBOR routes, which now have access to the Internet and engage in e-commerce, are rapidly growing. With unrestricted, easier, and faster
access to products and services across national borders, the existing legal and regulatory frameworks need to adapt to the requirements of e-commerce. Numerous questions are posed: what are the recent developments in innovative, third-party methods of payment currently being piloted or already in use in different OBOR regions. Are national policy measures or international instruments being developed and put into practice in OBOR jurisdictions to help build consumer trust in e-commerce.

- Marie-Helen MARAS (Co-Chair)
- Alex CHUNG, Oxford University (Co-Chair)
- Hui XUE, Sydney University
- Claire MILNE, Telecom Policy Consultant
- Xiaobai SHEN, Edinburgh University
- Rohan KARIYAWASAM, Anglia Ruskin University
- Michael VEALE, UCL (TBC)
- Akin UNVER, Oxford Internet Institute
- Alexander BUDZIER, Oxford Said Business School (TBC)

**18.15 – 18.30 Closing Remarks**
Speakers

**Professor Thierry Bourgoignie**, a Professor of Law at UQAM (Université du Québec à Montréal), in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. He obtained a Ph.D. degree from the University of Louvain in Belgium and an LL.M. degree from the Yale Law School in the United States. After 25 years of academic career in Europe as full professor in Louvain and inviting professor in several European institutions, he joined UQAM in June 2003. For six years he acted as the director of a graduate programme in international relations and international law. Between 2009 and 2011, he was appointed Director of the Department of Law within the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences. His publication list comprises more than 20 individual and collective monographs and about 100 published papers. He was elected Chairman of the International Association of Consumer Law from 1998 to 2003. He played a major role in the development of consumer action programmes and the adoption of consumer directives by the European Commission in the 1980s and 1990s. In 2004, he founded at UQAM the research group GREDICC (Groupe de recherche en droit international et comparé de la consommation - www.gredicc.uqam.ca), of which he is the acting director.

**Dr Alex Chung** is a Research Associate working on a cybersecurity project at Cardiff University, and he is the Coordinator for the Oxford One Belt One Road Cyber Security Programme in the Faculty of Law. He has conducted risk assessment and implemented information security policy for the Oxford Law faculty to ensure compliance with the incoming EU General Data Protection Regulation, and he has private sector experience working on outsourced projects related to the Digital Single Market Strategy initiated by the European Commission. He was appointed as an expert member of several international organisations dedicated to the study of organized crime, and he is currently working on publishing a monograph on an ethnic-Chinese drug trafficking network with Palgrave Macmillan. He holds a DPhil in Law, an MPhil in Criminology, and an MSc in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Oxford.

**Professor A Cranston** is the clinical director of the High Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) unit at the Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences, University of Oxford and has held this position since 2002. He is the author of 18 book chapters and over 100 peer reviewed publications. He was trained in Bristol and had worked in Exeter and Bath before arriving in Oxford in 1983 to do research in renal transplantation under the direction of Professor Sir Peter Morris. He was awarded his DPhil in 1986 and after a clinical lecturer post in urology and transplantation was appointed consultant urological and transplant surgeon in 1991. His special interest is in renal cancer and the urological complications of transplantation with a national referral for some patients needing complex renal cancer surgery. In 1992, he set up a research programme with Professor Adrian Harris, Director of the Cancer Research Unit in Oxford, and has co-supervised many research students who have carried out work in investigating bladder and kidney cancer. Several have won international awards for their work.
**Count Francesco da Mosto.** Famous architect, author, historian, film maker and television presenter. He has presented several BBC 2 series including Francesco's Venice (2004; BAFTA for Best Photography), Francesco's Italy (2006), Francesco's Mediterranean Voyage (2008; Book by the same title named Sunday Times Best Seller), and Shakespeare in Italy (2012). He has also made guest appearances on such TV shows as What not to Wear, Derren Brown Trick of the Mind, Dr Who Confidential, Blue Peter, Richard & Judy, BBC Breakfast, National Geographic Ancient X Files RADIO documentaries & current affairs for BBC Radio 4 and World Service. Count Francesco is also the recipient of numerous international accolades including the Europa Nostra Heritage Award (2005) and the Premio Bellavista for international journalism (2006), in addition to serving as the Honorary Patron and on the International Committee of the British Red Cross (since 2005).

**Countess Jane da Mosto** is an environmental scientist (MA, Oxford University, M. Phil., Imperial College London) with international experience as a consultant on sustainable development, climate change and wetland ecology. Since 2012 she has been fully engaged in trying to change the future of Venice and for Venetians as co-founder of We are here Venice, an NGO that specialises in using the best available academic research and methodologies to characterise the challenges for Venice while also drawing upon grassroots networks to source accurate information on the city and lagoon and disseminate distilled findings and results to improve public understanding and international awareness of Venice’s fragile but not hopeless condition.

Since moving to Venice in 1995, she has worked continuously and variously: European Projects for local NGOs; Agenda 21 for Venice Municipality; a review of climate change research in Italy for the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme/Consiglio Nazionale di Ricerca; the Venice in Peril Fund/Cambridge University five-year study “Flooding and Environmental Challenges for Venice and the Lagoon” and the “Venice Report” on demography, change in use of buildings, public finances and tourism; the OECD Territorial Review of Venice; muf/British Council installation at the Architecture Biennale etc. She gives lectures, frequently appears in the media and is invited to explain Venice at conferences and seminars, worldwide.

**Professor Denis Galligan,** Director of the One Belt One Road (OBOR) Programme at the University of Oxford, is Statutory Professor of Socio-Legal Studies at Oxford University and a Professorial Fellow of Wolfson College. He is the Co-Founder and Director of the Foundation for Law Justice and Society, an independent institution, affiliated with Oxford University, and dedicated to making academic research on law in society more accessible to the professions, business, and government. Over a career spanning more than forty years, Professor Galligan has published books and articles on law in society, administrative law, and constitutional law. He has been a consultant to the OECD, World Bank, and various other international and national organizations.
Mr. Zhenqiu Gu, bureau chief of Xinhua News Agency London Bureau. Gu joined Xinhua News Agency as an English news writer and editor in 1990. He has long and productive working experience as an overseas correspondent/bureau chief, including being assigned to Nigeria (1993-1995) and the United Nations (1998-2003; 2008-2017). Until July 2017, Gu was the bureau chief of Xinhua’s United Nations Bureau based in New York. During his two assignments in the UN Bureau, Gu has interviewed UN secretaries-general, other senior UN officials, and many UN-based ambassadors; he has also witnessed and covered many major global events, such as the 911 terrorist attacks, the Millennium Summit at the United Nations and the selection of new UN secretary-general.

Mr. Barry Hembling is a Partner in the construction and engineering team at Fladgate LLP, a 250 year old, internationally focused, top 100 law firm in London. Barry has over 20 years’ in-house and private practice experience of acting internationally for clients on construction law matters in the infrastructure, rail and development sectors among others. Barry offers legal support, both contentious and non-contentious, throughout a project’s lifecycle from initial contract advice and negotiations, advice on live projects and dispute avoidance. Barry often works on global construction projects and acts for various UK clients, including a FTSE100 company, with construction projects throughout China (9) and assists Chinese companies with their UK expansion plans. He has acted on construction projects in Japan (5), Korea (3), Malaysia, Singapore (3), Thailand (4), Turkey (5), UAE (3) and the UK, among others, and represents clients in complex construction disputes which often involve an international angle. Barry is a published legal writer and presents at industry conferences in both the UK and abroad. He supports various bodies, including the China-Britain Business Council, with their OBOR initiatives which have included meetings with a number of Chinese think tanks and government bodies and has a particular interest in OBOR generally as a means of fostering international cooperation, development and friendship.

Mr. Pierre M. Horna is a Visiting Research Fellow at Oxford’s Centre for Competition Law and Policy, Institute of European Comparative Law of the Law Faculty at Oxford University during 2017. From January to June 2017, he was also a Senior Associate at Pembroke College. His research at Oxford relates to "Cross-Border Cartels and International Cooperation among Younger and Smaller Competition Authorities in Emerging Markets".

Mr. Horna is a legal affairs official at the Competition and Consumer Policies Branch of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) for almost 15 years. He has been responsible for the design, formulation and implementation of technical assistance and capacity building programmes on competition and consumer protection laws and policies. In particular, Mr. Horna's regional focus of work at the UN has been select newer and small competition and consumer protection authorities in developing countries and economies in transition in the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Balkan, Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and Latin American regions since he joined UNCTAD in 2003. Mr. Horna has drafted several reports on international cooperation on competition law issues, with emphasis on cartel
enforcement in newer and small competition regimes. In addition, Mr. Horna has actively assisted governments and policymakers in the design and implementations of competition and consumer protection policies regimes, in particular anti-cartel regulations in emerging markets and small economies. He is a regular speaker at international forums such as the International Competition Network (ICN), International Consumer Protection Enforcement Network (ICPEN), Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and other international and regional forums. He has been part of capacity building activities for competition and consumer protection officials as well as judges and prosecutors in different jurisdictions, in particular in the Latin American and ASEAN regions.

Mr. Horna has PhD studies in International Competition Law from the Graduate Institute, Switzerland (2009-2013). He earned his Master of Laws in International Business Law from Leiden University, the Netherlands, with a thesis on the developmental dimension of expanding WTO covered agreements into Competition Policy (2002-2003), and also undertook studies on e-commerce and consumer protection at Buckingham University, England (2001).

**Mr Adrian Hughes QC** practises as a barrister and arbitrator from 39 Essex Chambers in London, Singapore and Malaysia. He was appointed Queen’s Counsel in 2006. He sits as a Recorder and Court Examiner. His practice includes construction and engineering, energy, shipping, trade, insurance and financial services. His principal focus is international arbitration.

He has a longstanding connection with China and frequently undertakes international arbitration and dispute resolution work as counsel in cases involving parties from China. He also sits as Arbitrator, Adjudicator and Mediator on international disputes both in the UK and internationally. He has been a member of the Foreign Arbitrators Panel of CIETAC (China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission) since 2001 and the CCPIT panel of Mediators since its inception.

From 1990 to 2015 he ran the Young Chinese Lawyers Training Schemes in the UK on behalf of the Bar Council and chaired the Bar Council’s China Group and the China Law Council (the Bar and Law Society joint working group). He continues to play an active role in UK/China legal relations and was recently appointed by GBCC/FCO as Expert on Dispute Resolution to prepare a scoping report on potential cooperation between UK and China in this area.

**Professor Rohan Kariyawasam** is Professor of Law and the Digital Economy at Anglia Ruskin University (Cambridge), formerly Professor of law at Cardiff University, and the University of Essex, Director of their Program in Information Technology, Media and E-Commerce Law. He has worked as a consultant in legal practice for both the media and communications department at Clifford Chance, the media law department at Field Fisher Waterhouse, and as an external consultant to the UK's Department for International Development (DFID), Cable & Wireless, and the UK's Office of Telecommunications (now OFCOM).
Rohan qualified as a solicitor with DentonWildeSapte but before this, he trained as an engineer and worked with Marconi on contracts for the Ministry of Defence. Rohan attended Harvard Law School as a Berkman Klein Centre Fellow, the University of Kent at Canterbury, the University of Geneva, Switzerland, the College of Law in London, and the Centre for Commercial Law Studies at Queen Mary University of London – where he obtained his PhD in trade and Intellectual Property law. He is a past recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship to Harvard University.

Rohan's work involves the intersection of technology, IP, information law and the humanities. He has been both a Principal and Co-Investigator on a range of projects for the ESRC (project finance), AHRC (fair trade, special needs and disability rights), British Academy (market competition), World Bank, World Economic Forum and in commercial research in Europe and Asia for McGraw-Hill. Currently, he's developing research on the Open Society. In 2011-13, the British Academy awarded Rohan a fellowship to research market competition, net neutrality and privacy on the internet. He is a member of the E-15 Expert Group on the Digital Economy, World Economic Forum/International Centre for Trade & Sustainable Development, Geneva.

Rohan has worked for several years in China and has been a visiting Professor at Peking University Law School, the University of International Business and Economics (Beijing), and Xi'an Jiaotong University Law School. His book, Chinese Intellectual Property & Technology Laws (Edward Elgar) is one of the world's first monographs to cover Chinese IP and technology laws in a single volume in English. Kariyawasam is currently Principal Investigator for a AHRC Newton project investigating fair use in copyright in the digital domain in China with co-partners Peking University Law School and Xi'an Jiaotong University Law School (Silk Road Centre).

**Professor Yuka Kobayashi** is Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in China and International Politics and Visiting Research Professor at the Institute of International Economics, Nankai University, Tianjin, China. Prior to joining SOAS, she was a Junior Research Fellow at the University of Oxford. After receiving a LL.B. from Kyoto University, she studied Mandarin and International Politics of China at Nankai University and then obtained her M.Phil. and D.Phil. at the University of Oxford. Her research interests include International Relations of China (particularly trade and investment), Chinese Law and Politics, International Relations of East Asia, International Economic Law (WTO/Trade in Services/FDI/Utilities), UNCLOS, Environmental Law (Climate Change and Energy), and Human Rights Law, and Theories of Compliance and Co-operation. Kobayashi is currently running several collaborative projects on China's Belt and Road in Europe (Hungary, Greece, Spain, and Serbia), Southeast Asia (Myanmar, Cambodia, and Vietnam) and Central Asia (Kazakhstan) and the Russian Far East. She has advised and worked with various governments, IGOs and NGOs on these topics.
**Professor Donna Kurtz** is the Beazley Archivist, Professor of Classical Art, and Fellow of Wolfson College, Oxford University. She teaches undergraduates and graduate students for the faculty of Literae Humaniiores in addition to directing the Beazley Archive. An art historian, she has published books and articles on various aspects of classical Greek archaeology and art, and a number of articles on Information Technology and the visual arts.

**Dr Jindong Liu** is a research fellow at the Hamlyn Centre for Robotic Surgery. He is interested in fields of biologically inspired robotics and translational research for both clinical and healthcare applications. He mainly focuses on assistive devices and robotics. He translated his research on sound perception to a wearable food-intake monitor device which can help obesity patients to assess their diet. In 2011, he developed a healthcare mobile robot with natural human-robot interaction. From 2013, he invented a catheter robot to automate the catheter insertion and manipulator in order to reduce the radiation dose for surgeon. He also designed and implemented a robotic arm to assist surgeons to position and manipulate instrument easily. His articles have been published in British Journal of Nutrition, Neurocomputing and Journal of Bionic Engineering, etc. He is a committee member of several IEEE conferences and sit on the review board of IEEE/Springer journals such as IEEE Trans. of Neural Network, IROS and ICRA, etc. In 2013, his paper had been evaluated as “Most cited Article in 2012” in J. of Bionic Eng.

**Ms Lisa Lin** is a PhD candidate at the Department of Media Arts, Royal Holloway, University of London. Having being working as a documentary producer in China, Singapore and the UK before embarking on her media research, Lisa hopes to bring her professional experience to the ethnographic investigation of television production across South East Asia and Europe. Lisa has been investigating the current landscape of Chinese multiplatform television as her doctoral thesis.

**Dr Qiong Lu** has over six years of working and research experience in water, environment, and climate science sectors. She holds an MSc degree from the University of Bristol in Water and Environmental Management and a PhD degree from University of Oxford in Geography and the Environment. She was also a visiting research scientist at Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH), UK. Her areas of expertise include water resources management, hydrology modelling, climate change adaptation and renewable energy. After her PhD graduation, Qiong joined the World Bank (Headquarter) as a water resources specialist. She is currently providing research and operations support for the South Asian Section at the World Bank.

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Best and Brightest. Dr Luft has published numerous studies and articles on security and energy issues in various newspapers and publications such as Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, The American Interest, the National Interest, Commentary Magazine, LA Times, The Washington Post and The Wall Street Journal. He is co-author of Energy Security Challenges for the 21st Century (2009,) Turning Oil into Salt: Energy Independence Through Fuel Choice (2009) and Petropolity: The Collapse of America’s Energy Security Paradigm (2012). He is author of Beer, Bacon and Bullets: Culture in Coalition Warfare from Gallipoli to Iraq. He appears frequently in the media and consults to various think tanks and news organizations worldwide and testifies before committees of the U.S. Congress. He holds degrees in international relations, international economics and strategic studies and a doctorate in strategic studies from the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Johns Hopkins University.

**Ms Claire Milne** is an independent telecom policy consultant, with a special interest in consumer affairs. Since leaving BT in 1989, she has advised dozens of regulators, governments and telcos internationally, while staying engaged with consumer and voluntary sector colleagues in the UK. From 2008 to 2014 she chaired Ofcom’s Consumer Forum for Communications. She also works on policy issues with the OECD civil society advisory body CSISAC, the UK Foundation for Information Society Policy, and as a Visiting Senior Fellow at the London School of Economics. In 2014 she was commissioned by OECD to report on consumer aspects of policy for Internet of Things, and since then she has remained involved with this fast evolving area. She is currently advising the Scottish Government on reducing harm from nuisance calls.

**Dr Marie-Helen Maras** is an Associate Professor at the Department of Security, Fire, and Emergency Management at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. She is also part of the faculty of the MS programme in Digital Forensics and Cybersecurity and PhD programme in Criminal Justice at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Dr Maras has a DPhil in Law and an MPhil in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Oxford. In addition, she holds a graduate degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from the University of New Haven and undergraduate degrees in Computer and Information Science and Psychology from UMUC. She is the author of: Cybercriminology (Oxford University Press, 2016); Computer Forensics: Cybercriminals, Laws, and Evidence (now in its second edition; Jones and Bartlett, 2014); Counterterrorism (Jones and Bartlett, 2012); CRC Press Terrorism Reader (CRC Press, 2013); and Transnational Security (CRC Press, 2014), among other publications. Furthermore, Dr Maras is the creator and co-editor for a monograph and edited volume series titled, “Palgrave Studies in Cybercrime and Cybersecurity” at Palgrave-Macmillan. Prior to her academic post, she served in the US Navy for approximately seven years gaining significant experience in security and law enforcement from her posts as a Navy Law Enforcement Specialist and Command Investigator. During the early stages of her military career, she worked as an Electronics and Calibration Technician.

**Dr Graham Mott**, Economic Affairs Officer at United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). He holds a PhD in Economics from the European University Institute as well as an MSc and BSc in Economics from the University of Warwick. Dr
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**Dr Xiaobai Shen**, Senior lecturer in the University of Edinburgh Business School. Her academic background falls in Science & Technology and Innovation Studies, and her previous work includes socio-technical analysis of technological capabilities in ICT and biotechnology sector, from a developing country perspective. Her current research interests are more concentrating on the innovation of public goods (such as, creative cultural contents, open source software, infrastructural ICT, agricultural biotechnology), and the role of Intellectual Property protection regime, Standards, and government policies and regulations. She is the author of *The Chinese Road to High Technology: the Case of Digital Telecommunications Switching Technology in the Economic Transition* (Macmillan 1999).

**Dr Hassan Qaqaya** joined the United Nations Conference in Trade and Development in 1981 and was the head of the Competition and Consumer Policies Branch from 2006 to 2015. He specialises in competition and consumer policy, financial regulation, international trade, and anti-dumping. In these areas, he has advised governments, public and private entities, and young competition and consumer agencies in over sixty developing countries and economies in transition. In various capacities he has been involved in teaching in this field and has contributed to forty UN reports and studies. He established the UNCTAD Research Partnership Platform which brings together research institutions, universities, competition authorities, business and civil society and provides a platform for joint research and other activities with UNCTAD. Hassan holds a Master of Laws in International Law from the University of Lausanne and MSC in economics from the London School of Economics. He has been travelling the world for the last 20 years, assisting numerous countries in drafting competition laws and application guidelines, and organising capacity building workshops. He is a Senior Fellow in the Melbourne Law Masters and contributes to the MLM online *Global Competition and Consumer Law program*.

**Mr Neil Sampson**, co-opted member of the Board of the Great Britain China Centre and a member of the Law Society International Issues Committee. Neil has been a partner of Rosenblatt since 1994 and his broad portfolio of expertise includes domestic and international dispute resolution, corporate and commercial transactions (both in the UK and internationally), property transactions and a range of private client matters. He has worked on the listing of a number of Chinese companies on the London Stock Exchange, while his dispute resolution experience covers a broad range of domestic and commercial litigation, including international arbitration.

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