

Academia International Conference on Economic and Financial Cooperation: Hong Kong and the World under the Belt and Road Initiative

15–16 December 2016 | Hong Kong

Organisers



Central Policy Unit
The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region



Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Venue 1

Lecture Theatre 1, Cheng Yu Tung Building

Venue 2

Cho Yiu Conference Hall

15 December 2016 (Thursday)

08:30–09:00 Registration (Venue 1)

09:00–09:15 **Welcome Messages** (Venue 1)

Prof. Fanny M. Cheung

Pro-Vice-Chancellor, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Prof. K. C. Chan

Acting Financial Secretary, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

09:15–09:30 Group photo (*for invited guests*)

09:30–12:15 **Plenary Session: Keynote Speeches** (Venue 1)

Moderator: Prof. Fanny M. Cheung Pro-Vice-Chancellor, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

The Next Wave of Globalisation under the Belt and Road Initiative: Opportunities for Innovation

Dr Victor K. Fung

Group Chairman, Fung Group

Keys to the Successful Implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative

Prof. Mingkang Liu

BCT Distinguished Research Fellow, Lau Chor Tak Institute of Global Economics and Finance, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

The Belt and Road Initiative as a Grand Strategy

Dr William H. Overholt

Senior Fellow, Harvard University Asia Center

The Belt and Road Initiative: Outbound Investment and Domestic Reforms

Prof. Jianye Wang

Managing Director, Silk Road Fund Co., Ltd.; Professor of Economics, NYU Shanghai

12:30–14:00 Lunch (*for invited guests*)

14:30–15:50

Session 1: Development Strategies and Policies

(Venue 2)

Moderator: Prof. Stephen W. K. Chiu *Co-Director, Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies*

Progress on the Belt and Road Initiative: A Three-Year Evaluation

Prof. Wen Wang

Executive Dean, Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies, Renmin University of China, China

Indonesia's Development Strategies in the Face of a Global Economic Slowdown: The Role of Domestic Demand and International Development Partners

Prof. Ari Kuncoro

Dean, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Indonesia, Indonesia

Sri Lanka-Hong Kong Economic Relationship: Trends and Prospects

Prof. Lakshman Dissanayake

Vice-Chancellor, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Dr Priyanga Dunusinghe

Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

On the Role of Hong Kong in the Construction of a "21st Century Maritime Silk Road" between China and Southeast Asia

Prof. Baoyun Yang

Instructor, ASEAN Studies Program, Pridi Banomyong International College, Thammasat University, Thailand

15:50–16:10

Networking break

16:10–17:30

Session 2: International Investment and Finance

(Venue 2)

Moderator: Prof. Kalok Chan *Dean of CUHK Business School, The Chinese University of Hong Kong*

Recent Global Financial Crisis, Financial Development and Firms' Performance and Leverage: Evidence from Developed Countries and Emerging Markets

Prof. Rami Zeitun

Head, Department of Finance and Economics, College of Business and Economics, Qatar University, Qatar

Prof. Akram Temimi

Associate Professor, College of Business and Economics, Qatar University, Qatar

Prof. Karim Mimouni

Associate Professor of Finance, College of Business and Economics, Qatar University, Qatar

Finance as Worship: A Survey of Research on Islamic Finance

Dr Mohammed Alzahrani

Dean, College of Industrial Management, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Saudi Arabia

Prof. William L. Megginson

Professor and Price Chair in Finance, Price College of Business, Division of Finance, The University of Oklahoma, USA

Belt and Road Investment Opportunities and the Challenges for Hong Kong

Prof. Youfa Liu

Guest Research Fellow, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, China

Hong Kong as an Equity Financing Centre for the Belt and Road Countries

Prof. Kevin C. K. Lam

Associate Professor, School of Accountancy, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

18:00–20:00

Welcoming dinner (for invited guests)

09:00–10:20

Session 3: Energy Economics

(Venue 2)

Moderator: Prof. Yuan Xu Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Resource Management,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Meeting Energy and Climate Challenges: Opportunities for International Cooperation**Prof. Ambuj Sagar**

*Vipula and Mahesh Chaturvedi Professor of Policy Studies,
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, India*

Innovation and Technology in the Singapore Miracle**Dr Christopher H. Lim**

*Senior Fellow, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies,
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore*

**Stimulating Innovation for Sustainability under the Belt and Road Initiative:
The Role of Japan in International Cooperation and Collaboration****Prof. Masaru Yarime**

*Project Associate Professor of Science, Technology, and Innovation Governance,
Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo, Japan*

**China's Grand Transition in the International Transfer of Environmentally
Sound Energy Technologies under the Belt and Road Initiative****Prof. Zheng Li**

Dean and Professor, Department of Thermal Engineering, Tsinghua University, China

Mr Tianxiao Li

PhD student, Department of Thermal Engineering, Tsinghua University, China

Prof. Yuan Xu

*Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Resource Management,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong*

10:20–10:40

Networking break

10:40–12:00

Session 4: E-commerce and Information Technology

(Venue 2)

Moderator: Prof. Chi-yue Chiu Dean of Social Science, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

**New Requirements and New Opportunities for Multilingual Information under
the Belt and Road Initiative****Prof. Wushour Silam**

Professor, College of Information Science and Engineering, Xinjiang University, China

**Digital Financial Inclusion towards Inclusive, Equitable, and Sustainable Development:
The Bangladesh Case****Prof. Shibli Rubayat Ul Islam**

Dean, Faculty of Business Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

Thailand's Journey to Digital Transformation**Dr Kasitorn Pooparadai**

*Senior Director, Policy Research Division,
National Science and Technology Development Agency, Thailand*

Dr Kasama Kongsmak

Researcher, National Science and Technology Development Agency, Thailand

Dr Sumavasee Salasuk

Researcher, National Science and Technology Development Agency, Thailand

**Bridging the Belt and Road Digital Divide: A Comparative Study on the
Information Capacities of Partner Economies along the Belt and Road****Prof. Kam-fai Wong**

Director, Centre for Innovation and Technology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

12:20–13:40

Lunch (for invited guests)

14:00–15:20

Session 5: Infrastructure and Facilities

(Venue 2)

Moderator: **Prof. Ying-yi Hong** *Choh-Ming Li Professor of Marketing, The Chinese University of Hong Kong*

**Connectivity and Market Integration in the Belt and Road Region:
Introducing the Central Asian Perspective**

Dr Roman Vakulchuk

Country Director for Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan, Central Asian Development Institute, Kyrgyzstan

**The Belt and Road Initiative and Cambodia's Infrastructure Connectivity Development:
A Cambodian Perspective**

Mr Lak Chansok

*Lecturer, Department of International Studies, Institute of Foreign Languages,
Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia*

Dr Chandarith Neak

*Director, Cambodia 21st Century Maritime Silk Road Research Center,
Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia*

Infrastructure Linkage between China and Malaysia: Cases in Malacca and Kuantan

Dr Chow-bing Ngeow

Deputy Director, Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya, Malaysia

**A Comparison of Investment Strategies between China and Japan in
ASEAN's Infrastructure Projects**

Dr Cheung-kwok Law

Senior Research Fellow, Global China Research Programme, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Dr Derek Yuen

*Lecturer, Master of Social Science in Global Political Economy Programme,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong*

15:20–15:40

Networking break

15:40–17:00

Session 6: Logistics and Supply Chains

(Venue 2)

Moderator: **Prof. Waiman Cheung** *Director, Asian Institute of Supply Chains and Logistics,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong*

**Huaxia Community: A Free Trade Agreement and a New Architecture for
the Global Economic System**

Prof. Jiandong Ju

*Dean and Professor, School of International Business Administration,
Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, China*

Mr Zhe Lu

PhD student, University of Maryland, USA

Prof. Lixin Tang

*Assistant Professor, School of International Business Administration,
Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, China*

Prof. Xinding Yu

Assistant Professor, University of International Business and Economics, China

Maritime Logistics: Challenges and Opportunities in the Asia-Pacific Region

Mr Jai Acharya

Managing Director, International Shipping Bureau (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., Singapore

**China's Belt and Road Initiative: "How Silky Smooth is the Pathway on
the Silk Route and Can Sri Lanka Spice Up the Route?"**

Mr Diren Hallock

Chairman and Managing Director, DRH Logistics International (Pvt.) Ltd., Sri Lanka

Iran: Jewelry on the Silk Road

Dr Mojtaba Soleimani Sedehi

Chief Executive Officer, Amadgaran Business Chain Management Institute, Iran

16 December 2016 (Friday)

17:00–17:50

Roundtable Discussion and Closing Remarks

(Venue 2)

Mr Sin-por Shiu

Head, Central Policy Unit, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Prof. Fanny M. Cheung

Pro-Vice-Chancellor, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

18:10–20:10

Farewell dinner (*for invited guests*)