

Assessing China's Belt and Road Initiative



Friday Talk Series, Spring 2021

Moderated by Grant F. Rhode

Friday
February 5
9-10am ET

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS: "BRI Economic Benefits and Risks"

Speaker: Kevin Gallagher; Discussant: William Grimes

Host: BU Global Development Policy Center (GDPC)

Economic Implications recommended readings

Friday
February 19
9-10am ET

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS: "US-China Strategic Competition and the BRI"

Speaker: Min Ye; Discussant: Joshua Shifrinson

Co-hosts: BU Center for Study of Asia, Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future

Strategic Implications recommended reading, Ye, pages 1-23

Friday
March 5
9-10am ET

LATIN AMERICA: "Is China's New Silk Road Lending a Helping Hand in Latin America's Current Crisis?"

Speaker: Jorge Heine; Discussant: Kevin Gallagher

Co-hosts: BU Center for Latin American Studies, BU GDPC

Latin America recommended reading, Heine

Friday
March 12
9-10am ET

SOUTHEAST ASIA: "Rivers of Iron: Railroads and Chinese Power in Southeast Asia"

Speaker: David M. Lampton; Discussant: Joseph Fewsmith

Co-Hosts: BU Center for the Study of Asia, BU GDPC

Southeast Asia recommended reading, Lampton, ch. 1

Friday
March 19
9-10am ET

NORTHEAST ASIA: "BRI Lessons from Japan: From Flying Geese to Partnership for Quality Infrastructure"

Speaker: William Grimes; Discussant: Bart Edes

Host: BU Center for the Study of Asia

Northeast Asia recommended reading, Grimes

Northeast Asia second reading, Edes

Friday
April 2
9-10am ET

AFRICA: "African Debt Relief with Chinese Characteristics"

Speakers: Deborah Brautigam, Kevin Acker; Discussant: Yan Wang

Co-hosts: BU African Studies Center, BU GDPC

Africa recommended reading, Brautigam, Acker, and Huang

Africa second reading, Gallagher, Wang

Friday
April 16
9-10am ET

EUROPE: "Italy and Greece: Two Case Studies for Chinese Involvement in Southern Europe"

Speaker: Philippe Le Corre; Discussants: Vesko Garcevic, Dimitrios Skiadas

Host: BU Center for the Study of Europe

Europe recommended reading, Le Corre

Europe second reading, Le Corre

Click on each session title for the Zoom registration link, on the speaker names for biographies, on the recommended readings links for suggested readings, and on the series title for videos of previous events in this series.