



Conference on Trade and Investment under the Belt and Road Initiative

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Speakers' bio

19th August, Wednesday 8pm - 10:30pm HKT -- Political Economy and COVID-19

(Moderator) Albert Park is a development and labor economist who is an expert on China's economic development. He is Head and Chair Professor of Economics, Chair Professor of Social Science, and Professor of Public Policy at HKUST. Professor Park is a Research Fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (London), the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA, Bonn), the International Growth Centre (Oxford/LSE/DFID), and the Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Working Group (Chicago). He serves on the editorial boards of the World Bank Economic Review, Journal of Pension Economics and Finance, Cambridge University Press Elements Series in the Economics of Emerging Markets, and China Policy Journal. Prof. Park has played a leadership role in numerous survey research projects in China including the China Employer-Employee Survey (CEES), the China Urban Labor Survey (CULS), the Gansu Survey of Children and Families (GSCF), and the China Health and Retirement Longitudinal Study (CHARLS).

Ka Zeng is Professor of Political Science and Director of Asian Studies at the University of Arkansas. Her research focuses on China's role in the global economy, in particular, Chinese trade policy, China's behavior in the World Trade Organization, and China-related trade dispute dynamics. Dr. Zeng's books include Trade Threats, Trade Wars (Michigan 2004), Greening China (co-authored; Michigan 2011), and Global Value Chains and the Politics of Trade Liberalization (co-authored; Michigan, under contract). She is also the editor or co-editor of China's Foreign Trade Policy (Routledge 2007), China and Global Trade Governance (Routledge 2013), and Handbook on the International Political Economy of China (Edward Elgar 2019). Dr. Zeng is currently Senior Research Fellow at the Wong Center for the Study of Multinational Corporations.

Lee Jones is an Associate Professor in international politics in the School of Politics and International Relations at Queen Mary, University of London, a Research Associate at the Asia Research Centre of Murdoch University in Perth, Australia, and Senior Research Fellow at the Wong Center for the Study of Multinational Corporations in California. He specialises in the study of political economy, social conflict, state transformation and security in the global south, particularly in East Asia. He is an expert in the politics, political economy and international relations of Southeast Asia (ASEAN) and China. He has also worked on Iraq, South Africa and Israel/ Palestine. He has written about revolution, intervention, state-building, economic sanctions, non-traditional security, democratisation and regime change, among other things.

His current work is on the rise of China and Chinese relations with Southeast Asia, including the Belt and Road Initiative, the South China Sea, Chinese development financing and non-traditional security cooperation.

Min Ye was the director of the East Asian Studies program from 2010 to 2014 and launched the new major in Asian Studies at Boston University. She also served as a visiting scholar at Fudan University, Zhejiang University, and Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in China, as well as Rajiv Gandhi Foundation in India, Chinese University of Hong Kong, and the National University of Singapore. Ye has consulted Chinese state-owned companies and private companies on outbound investment. In addition, she served as the Pardee School Director of Undergraduate Studies from 2017 to 2019. Min Ye is the author of *The Belt, Road and Beyond: State-Mobilized Globalization in China 1998-2018* (Cambridge University Press 2020), *Diasporas and Foreign Direct Investment in China and India* (Cambridge University Press 2014), and *The Making of Northeast Asia* (with Kent Calder, Stanford University Press, 2020).

Jennifer Huang Bouey is a senior policy researcher and the Tang Chair in China Policy Studies at the RAND Corporation. As an epidemiologist who led health studies in the United States, China, and several other countries in the last twenty years, her research portfolio centered on health equity, infectious disease prevention, and global health governance. Dr. Bouey served on multiple study sections at the National Institute of Health, and as scientific reviewer for China Natural Science Foundation, Hong Kong AIDS Council, and Hong Kong Government Research Fund. She also provided technical consultancy to the World Bank, Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative, the Save the Children Federation, Inc., and China's National and Provincial Centers for Disease Control. She has testified multiple times in front of various committees of the U.S. Congress on China's public health-, healthcare-, and global health- related issues. Her work and opinions have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Financial Times*, *The Global Times*, *The Atlantic*, *BBC World*, *MSNBC*, and *Bloomberg TV*.

20th August, Thursday 9am - 12nn HKT – Hong Kong, Financing, Digital Silk Road

Alicia García Herrero is the Chief Economist for Asia Pacific at Natixis. She also serves as Senior Fellow at European think-tank BRUEGEL and non-resident Research Fellow at Madrid-based political think tank Real Instituto Elcano. She is currently Adjunct Professor at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Alicia is advisor to the HKMA's research arm (HKIMR) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as well as a member of the board of the Hong Kong Forum and co-founder of Bright Hong Kong. Alicia held the following positions: Chief Economist for Emerging Markets at Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA), Member of the Asian Research Program at the Bank of International Settlements (BIS), Head of the International Economy Division of the Bank of Spain, Member of the Counsel to the Executive Board of the European Central Bank, Head of Emerging Economies at the Research Department at Banco Santander, and Economist at the International Monetary Fund.

Hong Shen is a Systems Scientist in the Human-Computer Interaction Institute at Carnegie Mellon University. She received her PhD in Media and Communications from the Institute of

Communication Research at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in May 2017. Her research primarily focuses on internet industry and policy (with an emphasis on China), and social and policy implications of emerging technologies.

Yujia He is an assistant professor at the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, University of Kentucky. Previously she was a Postdoctoral Fellow at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology's Institute for Emerging Market Studies (IEMS). She has also worked in Washington D.C. as a visiting fellow for the Atlantic Council's Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security, and as a researcher for the Wilson Center's Science and Technology Innovation Program. She is interested in international political economy, science and technology policy, and governance issues in emerging markets. She has published journal articles on the trade and governance of critical minerals, and numerous think tank reports on Chinese overseas investment, AI development, data privacy governance, and citizen science. She has also provided media commentary for the United Nations University, SciStarter, the Financial Times, and OZY.

Nicholas Kwan joined HKTDC as the Director of Research in May 2013. His department provides in-depth and up-to-date analysis and advice on economic and trade issues, covering key industries and services in Hong Kong, the Chinese mainland and most major and emerging markets. Nicholas has over 30 years of experience of economic and business research, including more than six years at Standard Chartered Bank as its Asia Research Head, seven years working for the Hong Kong Monetary Authority covering both macro-economic and policy research, and 11 years at Merrill Lynch, finishing as its Asia Regional Chief Economist. Nicholas is a graduate of the Chinese University of Hong Kong and has an MBA degree from the UK's Warwick University. He was also a Chartered Financial Analyst. His areas of Research include Regional trade and economic integration, Asian economic development, International finance, Monetary and fiscal policy and Investment strategy.

Xue Gong is Assistant Professor in the China Programme of S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. She holds a PhD in International Political Economy at NTU. Her current research interests include International Political Economy, China's economic diplomacy, regionalism and governance. She has contributed to peer-reviewed journals such as the International Affairs, the Pacific Review, Contemporary Southeast Asia, Harvard Asia Quarterly. She has one co-edited book in *Securing the Belt and Road Initiative: Risk Assessment, Private Security and Special Insurances Along the New Wave of Chinese Outbound Investment* (Palgrave Macmillan 2018). She has also contributed to several book chapters on China's economic statecraft, China's corporate social responsibility and Belt and Road Initiative in Southeast Asia.

Dini Sejko was Postdoctoral Fellow at the Institute for Emerging Market Studies, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and a research affiliate at The Fletcher Network for Sovereign Wealth and Global Capital, Tufts University. Dr Sejko is conducting research on the impact of the Belt and Road Initiative on Southeast Asian countries and sustainable development. His research interests include the governance of state-owned enterprises and

sovereign wealth funds (SWFs), and the implications of state capitalism on international economic law. For his research on SWFs, he received the SIEL/PEPA Edward Elgar Prize 2018, awarded by the Society of International Economic Law. He is now serving in Chinese University of Hong Kong.

21st August, Friday 9am - 12 noon HKT – Belt and Road Initiative in Africa, South Asia and Southeast Asia

Hairong Yan is an Associate Professor in the Department of Applied Social Sciences at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. She is also a Co-investigator of HKUST IEMS Belt and Road project funded by the Strategic Public Policy Research Scheme. Her intellectual interests include labor, gender, rurality, rural-urban relations, and collective and cooperative rural economy. Her earlier research focused on rural-to-urban migrant domestic workers in urban China, allowing her to examine the transformation in rural-urban relations, gender relations and class relations in China's reform process. She is the author of *New Masters, New Servants: Migration, Development, and Women Workers in China* (Duke University Press, 2008). In recent years, she has become concerned with food sovereignty and agrarian change in China. She publishes in the *Journal of Peasant Studies* and the *Journal of Agrarian Change* and contributes to the food sovereignty network in China.

Liu Haifang is an Associate Professor in the School of International Studies, Peking University. She previously worked for the Institute of West Asian and African Studies (IWAAS), the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), and a visiting scholar at the Institute of Social Studies in The Hague (2007-8). She serves as Deputy Director & Secretary General, the Centre for African Studies, Peking Uni., and the Vice-Secretary Gen. of the Chinese Society of African Historical Studies as well. Liu 's current research topics are Racial issues in Contemporary International Politics (African continent in particular), China in Africa/ Africa in China, China's foreign aid (historical & development perspectives and Tan-Zam Railway as a case), Angola and its international relationships, etc.

Barry Sautman is a political scientist (PhD Columbia University) and lawyer (JD UCLA, LLM NYU) who primarily teaches international law, China/US relations, contemporary China, ethnicity and nationalism. One of his areas of research has been ethnic politics in China and comparative perspective, including ethnic policies, the political economic and legal aspects of the Tibet and Xinjiang issues. He has examined the global mystification by politicians and media of these questions, as well as the issue of dissent in China. His other area is China-Africa links, including political economy, labor rights, migration between China and Africa and interactions between Chinese and Africans, representations and perceptions of China and Chinese in Africa, and the supposed strategic rivalry between the US and China in Africa. He has published several monographs and numerous journal articles, as well as print media op-ed pieces and online contributions.

Guanie Lim is Research Fellow at the Nanyang Centre for Public Administration, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. His main research interests are comparative political economy, value chain analysis, and the Belt and Road Initiative in Southeast Asia. Guanie is also interested in broader development issues within Asia, especially those of China, Vietnam, and Malaysia. He is currently working on his monograph, which details the economic catching-up process of key Southeast Asian economies.

Tham Siew Yeap is a Senior Fellow at ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore and Adjunct Professor at the Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). She was formerly Director and Professor at IKMAS, UKM. She has served as a consultant to national and international agencies, including the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and the Asian Development Bank Institute. Her research interests and publications are in foreign direct investment, international trade, trade policies, and industrial development in Malaysia and ASEAN. Her recent publications include 'Moving Up the Value Chain in ICT: ASEAN Trade with China', *Journal of Contemporary Asia* (with Andrew Jia Yi Kam and Nor Izzatina Aziz); and 'Institutionalization of economic cooperation in East Asia' in *Institutionalizing East Asia* (co-authored with Sueo Sudo) (Abingdon, Routledge, 2016). She has a PhD in economics from the University of Rochester, USA.

Nishan de Mel, A.B. Hons. (Harvard), M.Phil (Oxon), D.Phil (Oxon), is an Economist. He is presently the Executive Director of Verité Research (Pvt.) Ltd., specializing in strategic analysis for policy makers and private sector leaders in Asia. Nishan was involved in a number of national policy-making bodies in Sri Lanka, serving as a Member of the Board of Directors and Executive Director at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, a Member of the Presidential Committee on Tobacco, Alcohol and Dangerous Drug Regulation, a Member of the National Steering Committee on Social Security, and as a Member of the Presidential Task Force on Health Sector Reforms. He was a Lecturer in Economics at the University of Oxford from 2003 to 2007, and served as the Executive Director at the International Centre for Ethnic Studies upon his return to Sri Lanka.

Naubahar Sharif (Ph.D., Cornell University, 2005), is Associate Professor of Social Science and Public Policy. His research interests include the intellectual history of the innovation systems conceptual approach; science, technology and innovation policy in Hong Kong; the 'Belt and Road' initiative; and economic linkages within the 'Greater Bay Area' of Southern China. He completed the Executive Education program in Innovation for Economic Development at Harvard University in 2011. Naubahar consulted for Hong Kong's Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC) from 2006-10. Naubahar has been awarded both 'Public Policy Research' (PPR) and 'General Research Fund' (GRF) grants by Hong Kong's Research Grants Council (RGC). Currently, Naubahar is a co-investigator for a 'Strategic Public Policy Research' (SPPR) grant awarded by Hong Kong's Central Policy Unit (CPU) as well as a cross-institutional 'Collaborative Research Fund' (CRF) grant awarded by the RGC. He has published numerous articles in leading journals including *Research Policy*, *Science and Public Policy*, *International Journal of Technology and Management*, and *Science, Technology and Human Values*.

26th August, Wednesday 8pm -10:30 pm HKT – Trade and Transportation

(Moderator) Edwin Lai is Professor of Economics at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology since July 2009, and later appointed Director of the Center for Economic Development. He was Senior Research Economist and Adviser at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas of the Federal Reserve System of the USA, from August 2007 to June 2009. Before that he was Assistant Professor at Vanderbilt University, Associate Professor at City University of Hong Kong and Associate Professor at Singapore Management University. His main research areas are international economics, industrial organization, growth and internationalization of renminbi. He is a leading scholar in the study of intellectual property rights in the global economy. He has published in American Economic Review, RAND Journal of Economics, International Economic Review, Journal of International Economics and other respected journals in economics.

Richard Griffiths worked as a professor of economic history at the University of Manchester, the Free University Amsterdam, the European University Institute in Florence and Leiden University. At Leiden, Richard also set up the MA in European Union Studies and the BA in International Studies. His expertise lies in the field of European integration and in the critical analysis of the data employed in social science and economics analyses. He is one of the few academics still around who remembers when writing was done with a pen and a set of index cards. He enjoys syllabus design and experimenting with new innovative teaching methods.

Jihong Chen is a professor at Shanghai Maritime University, Shanghai, China. His research expertise includes ocean and coastal management, maritime engineering and management, port and shipping management, ocean and maritime environmental governance. He has published more than 150 academic papers, including publications on Nature, Ocean Engineering, Journal of Navigation and Marine Pollution Bulletin. He has conducted more than 80 international, national, provincial and other marine projects, and has won more than 20 awards from the government, industry associations, maritime departments, etc. He serves as a co-editor-in-chief of Ocean and Coastal Management (OCMA), an associate editor of Regional Studies in Marine Science (RSMA), and editorial board member for several other journals. He is an expert member or scholar of many marine academic institutions and maritime enterprises.

Ma Bin, is the associate professor at the Center for Russian and Central Asian Studies, Institute of International Studies, Fudan University. He got his PhD from Fudan University and was the visiting scholar at the Harriman Institute, Columbia University (USA) from 2013 to 2014. His studies focus on Sino-Russian relations, Great Power Relations in Central Asia, transition and development issues etc., and especially on Belt and Road Initiative, China Railway Express and Infrastructure Connectivity between China and Europe in recent years. Dr. MA has published two books, *US Foreign Assistance to Central Asia in the post-Cold War Era (2015)*, *Risks of China's Investment Along the region of Belt and Road (2016)*. He is working on his third book with the topic of "The Operating Model of China Railway Express and its Impact on BRI". He also published many academic articles and reports in Chinese and English in the past several years.

Yue Lu is an Assistant Professor at China Institute for WTO Studies, University of International Business and Economics. She got her PhD from Nankai University, Tianjin, China and was the Fulbright visiting scholar at Columbia University, New York, United States from 2013 to 2014. Her studies focus on trade, Labor Income and Informal Employment in the Enterprises, Creating the Future Market Value, China Rural Development Research and so on. She also published many academic articles and reports in Chinese and English in the past several years.

27th August, Thursday 9am – 10:30am HKT – Policy Dialogues

(Moderator) Donald Low is Director of HKUST Institute for Emerging Market Studies, Senior Lecturer and Professor of Practice at the HKUST Institute for Public Policy, as well as Director of Leadership and Public Policy Executive Education (LAPP) at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He is an accomplished consultant and lecturer in economics and behavioural economics, decision-making and risk analysis, inequality and social policy, complexity in public policy, organisational behaviour, and the politics and governance of Singapore. Donald has served in, or consulted with, public, private, higher education and non-profit organisations. Prior to his current appointment, Donald was the Associate Dean for Executive Education and Research at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. Besides leading the School's executive education department, he also headed its case study unit.

Liew Chin Tong is former deputy minister of Defense in Malaysia and now a Member of its Central Executive Committee, serving as the National Political Education Director. Chin Tong graduated with a degree in Political Science and an honours degree in Asian Studies from the Australian National University, and holds an International Masters in Regional Integration from the Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya. Chin Tong is the Chairman of Research for Social Advancement (REFSA) since 2012 and was the Executive Director of Penang Institute (previously Socio-Economic and Environmental Research Institute, SERI, from 2009-2012). He was also formerly a Visiting Research Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore.

James Crabtree is a Singapore-based author and journalist, and an Associate Professor of Practice at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. Prior to academia, James worked for the Financial Times, most recently leading coverage of Indian business as Mumbai bureau chief, between 2011 and 2016. He is now a columnist for Nikkei Asian Review, and also a non-resident fellow at the Asia-Pacific programme at Chatham House. Before joining the FT, James was a senior editor at Prospect, Britain's leading monthly magazine of politics and ideas. He has written for a range of global publications, including the New York Times, the Economist, Wired, and Foreign Policy. Prior to journalism, James was a senior policy advisor in the UK Prime Minister's Strategy Unit under Prime Ministers Tony Blair and Gordon Brown. He has worked for various think tanks in London and Washington DC, and spent a number of years living in America, initially as a Fulbright Scholar at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Kairat Kelimbetov is the Governor of Astana International Financial Centre, a new initiative launched by the Kazakhstan government to develop the country's non-banking financial sector.

He served as a Governor of the National Bank of Kazakhstan from 2013 to 2015. He served as a Vice-Prime Minister of Kazakhstan from 2012 to 2013. He also served as the CEO of Samruk-Kazyna Sovereign Wealth Fund and as the Minister of Economy and Budget Planning in the Government of Kazakhstan. Mr. Kelimbetov was instrumental in developing numerous reforms and economic policies. As the Chief Executive of Samruk-Kazyna SWF, he was responsible for the anti-crisis program launched in 2008, as well as the development programs of major state owned enterprises. As a deputy Prime Minister of Kazakhstan he represented the country during the creation of Eurasian Economic Union and oversaw macroeconomic policy of the government. Under his management the National Bank of Kazakhstan adopted a new monetary policy regime.

28th August, Friday 9am - 11:30 noon HKT – Energy and Environment

(Moderator) Angela Tritto (Ph.D., City University of Hong Kong), is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Institute of Emerging Market Studies, HKUST. She is currently working on three interrelated research projects on the Belt and Road Initiative in Southeast Asia. Her research interests include management of innovation, environmental policies and technologies, heritage management, and sustainable development. She recently published several works in collaboration with a team of international scholars on the sustainability of the Belt and Road Initiative. Her past publications examine environmental innovations and the role of institutions in the management of World Heritage Sites in China and Malaysia.

Kevin Gallagher is a professor of global development policy at Boston University's Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, where he directs the Global Development Policy Center. Gallagher serves on the United Nations' Committee for Development Policy and co-chairs the T-20 Task Force on International Financial Architecture at the G-20. He previously served on the investment sub-committee of the Advisory Committee on International Economic Policy at the US Department of State and on the National Advisory Committee at the Environmental Protection Agency. Gallagher has been a visiting or adjunct professor at the Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University; El Colegio de México in Mexico; Tsinghua University in China, and the Center for State and Society in Argentina.

Philip Andrews-Speed has been a Principal Fellow at the Energy Studies Institute (ESI) of the National University of Singapore since 2012. Until 2010 he was Professor of Energy Policy at the University of Dundee and Director of the Centre of Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy. From 2010 to 2012 he led a major European Union, Framework 7 Programme project "Competition and Collaboration in Access to Oil, Gas and Mineral Resources". He was a Fellow of the Transatlantic Academy at the German Marshall Fund of the United States in Washington DC during the academic year 2011/12. The focus of his past research has been on energy policy, regulation and reform in China, and on the interface between energy policy and international relations.

Anatole Boute is currently Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, specializing in the fields of energy, environmental and investment law. His research focuses on the legal aspects of the transition of energy systems towards sustainability, with a special interest for energy market reforms in emerging economies. Anatole Boute graduated in Political Sciences (2003) and Law (2004) from the University of Leuven and holds an advanced master (LLM) in Energy and Environmental Law (2005) from the same university. In 2005, he was called to the Brussels bar where he practiced until 2009 with the Energy Law team of Janson Baugniet. He advised on and was involved in litigation concerning the promotion of renewable energy sources, energy efficiency, greenhouse gas emissions trading, the liberalization of energy markets and nuclear energy.

Alice Hughes is PI of Landscape Ecology, Professor (Associate) at Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden at Yunnan, China. She is a conservation biologist based in Asia. Alice holds board positions for around 7 ecological societies and 2 NGOs and works through these to build conservation capacity in upcoming conservationists and to try to implement conservation science and help guide conservation on regional scales. Her research aims to understand patterns of biodiversity and drivers of biodiversity change, with an aim to inform more rigorous & appropriate conservation. She and her team use a wide variety of approaches and tools for anything from understanding species biogeography, to developing monitoring tools or understanding interactions. She currently also has projects on threatened ecosystems (especially karst) to understand biodiversity patterns & develop effective conservation & management approaches.