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Each presentation is 20 minutes and followed up by 10 minutes time for Question and Answer session.

Program

19th August, Wednesday 8pm - 10:30pm HKT -- Political Economy and COVID-19	
Moderator : Albert Park	
8:00 – 8:30	To Join or Not to Join? State Ownership, Commercial Interests, and China's Belt and Road Initiative Ka Zeng , University of Arkansas, <i>paper co-authored with Xiaojun Li, University of British Columbia</i>
8:30 – 9:00	It Takes Two to Tango: The Bilateral Political Economy of the Belt and Road Initiative's Implementation Lee Jones , Queen Mary University
9:00 – 9:30	Domestic Politics of Belt and Road: From Origin to Covid Ye Min , Boston University
9:30 – 10:00	Determinants of Chinese FDI under the Belt and Road Initiative and the Role of State-Owned Enterprises Albert Park , HKUST
10:00- 10:30	Health Silk Road in the Era of COVID-19 Jennifer Bouey , RAND Corporation
20th August, Thursday 9am - 12nn HKT – Hong Kong, Financing, Digital Silk Road	
Moderator: Alicia Garcia- Herrero	
9:00 – 9:30	Building a digital Silk Road? Situating the internet in China's Belt and Road Initiative Hong Shen , Carnegie-Mellon University
9:30 – 10:00	Urban Utopia or Pipe Dreams? Examining Chinese-invested Smart City Development in Southeast Asia Yujia He , University of Kentucky
10:00 – 10:30	Hong Kong's roles in Belt and Road Trade and Investment Development Nicholas Kwan , Hong Kong Trade and Development Council
10:30 – 11:00	Hong Kong and Singapore as an intermediate role of funding for the Belt and Road Alicia Garcia-Herrero , HKUST
11:00 – 11:30	Identity constraints: explaining the various performance of Chinese financial institutions' supervision of BRI project Xue Gong , Nanyang Technological University
11:30 – 12:00	BRI and the Governance of Trade and Investment Relations Dini Sejko , CUHK

21st August, Friday 9am - 12 noon HKT – Belt and Road Initiative in Africa, South Asia and Southeast Asia Moderator: Hairong Yan	
9:00 – 9:30	Belt and Road Initiative in Africa Haifang Liu , School of International Studies, Peking University
9:30 – 10:00	China, Ethiopia and the Significance of the Belt & Road Initiative Barry Sautman , HKUST and Hairong Yan , The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
10:00 – 10:30	Why is it so Hard to Push Chinese High-Speed Railway Projects in Southeast Asia? The Role of Domestic Politics in Malaysia and Indonesia Guanie Lim , Nanyang Technological University
10:30 – 11:00	Complementary BRI Investments in Malaysia: Park and Port Siew Yean Tham , Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
11:00 – 11:30	Sri Lankas: Redefining narratives on BRI debt and development Nishan de Mel , Verité Research
11:30 – 12:00	Pakistan Case Studies Naubahar Sharif , HKUST

26th August, Wednesday 8pm -10:30 pm HKT – Trade and Transportation Moderator: Edwin Lai	
8:00 – 8:30	The BRI at Sea. China's Position in Eurasian Maritime Trade and Shipping Richard Griffiths , Leiden University
8:30 – 9:00	Maritime or Port Investment under the Belt and Road Initiative Jihong Chen , Shanghai Maritime University
9:00 – 9:30	China-Europe Railway Transportation Ma Bin , Fudan University
9:30 – 10:00	The Belt and Road Initiative and China's Trade Yue Lu , China Institute for WTO Studies, UIBE
10:00- 10:30	Internationalization of the Renminbi and BRI Edwin Lai , HKUST

27th August, Thursday 9am – 10:30am HKT – Policy Dialogues Moderator: Donald Low	
9:00 – 9:30	BRI in maritime Southeast Asia - neither a threat nor a success. Chin Tong Liew , Former Deputy Minister of Defense, Malaysia
9:30 – 10:00	China's Belt and Road Initiative in the COVID era: pandemic setback or full steam ahead? James Crabtree , LKY School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore
10:00 – 10:30	The Role of Financial Centers in Advancing Belt & Road Initiative Kairat Kelimbetov , Governor of Astana International Financial Centre (Kazakhstan)

28th August, Friday 9am - 11:30 noon HKT – Energy and Environment Moderator: Angela Tritto	
9:00 – 9:30	Chinese Energy Investments in the World Kevin Gallagher , Boston University
9:30 – 10:00	How and why have patterns of China's outbound energy investment changed under BRI Philip Andrews-Speed , National University of Singapore
10:00 – 10:30	Energy Security along the New Silk Road Anatole Boute , Chinese University of Hong Kong
10:30 – 11:00	China's Belt and Road Initiative: from perceptions to realities in Indonesia's coal power sector Angela Tritto , HKUST
11:00 – 11:30	Understanding and mitigating the impact of the BRI on biodiversity Alice Hughes , Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden