

## Panel Discussion on Global Perspectives on China's Recalibrations of Belt and Road Initiative – Lessons learnt, Challenges and Opportunities

17 January 2020 | NTU@one-north, Function Hall 3, Level 3 (11 Slim Barracks Rise, S138664)

The EU Centre and Leiden Asia Centre are jointly organizing a conference to re-examine the responses and reactions to the Chinese Belt and Road initiative (BRI) six years after its launch by President Xi Jinping in 2013. While initially received with much fanfare and hope for developments by many countries seeking infrastructure investments, the perceptions and narratives on Chinese BRI in the last two to three years has turned cautious and even negative in some parts of the world. This has resulted in also a change of tune by the Chinese government. In the second Belt and Road Forum held in Beijing in April 2019, President Xi stressed at the Forum that all BRI projects has to be "high quality, sustainable, resilient, affordable, inclusive and accessible".

The public panel discussion on 17 January 2020 discusses how China is recalibrating its approaches towards BRI, what are the lessons learnt and the opportunities and challenges that remain.

**17 January 2020 (Friday)** – NTU@one-north, Level 3, Function Hall 3 (FH 3)

09:00 – 09:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks

09:15 – 11:15 Public Panel Discussion on “Global Perspectives on China's Recalibrations of Belt and Road Initiative – Lessons learnt, Challenges and Opportunities”

Moderator:

Dr Ben Knapen (Chair, Supervisory Board of Leiden Asia Centre)

Panelists:

Dr Li Mingjiang (Head, China Programme and Associate Professor, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies)

Prof Haruko Sato (Professor, Osaka School of International Public Policy)

Dr Bert Hofman (Director, East Asian Institute)

Dr Gu Qingyang (Associate Professor & Director, Chinese Executive Education, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy)

11:15 – 11:45 Light Refreshments