

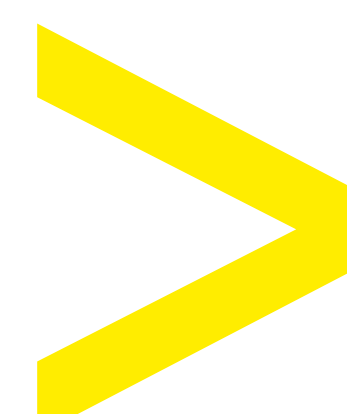
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# **BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE: PROGRESS, CHALLENGES, AND PROSPECTS**

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Since the proposal of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) by President Xi Jinping in 2013, BRI has attracted great attentions from all over the world. Hopes and doubts are both arising from the development of BRI. In this seminar Dr. Chen will first summarize the progress of BRI, particularly in trade and FDI, and analyze the rationales behind it. Then he will also discuss the challenges of it, such as political risk and debts problems, particularly under the context of severer China-US rivalry. In conclusion, Dr. Chen will make his opinions on the prospect of the BRI.

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