

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and its impact on Human Rights compliance along the 'New Silk Road'

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Dr. Anja Mihr, HVGP, Berlin/ OSCE Academy Bishkek

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Chair of IPSA Research Committee 34 “Quality of Democracy”

Dr. Udo Steinbach, MENA Study Centre, Maecenata Foundation

Draft Programme

09:00-9:15 **Welcome and Introduction to the Workshop**

Dr. Rupert Graf Strachwitz, Executive Director of the Maecenata
Foundation

Dr. Brigitte Weiffen, The Open University UK, & IPSA RC 34

Dr. Anja Mihr, Humboldt Viadrina Governance Platform & OSCE Academy
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09:15-11:00 **Session I – The BRI and Human Rights in Eurasia**

Moderator: Dr. Anja Mihr

The Dawn of Eurasia

Dr. Bruno Maçães, politician, consultant, and author, Brussels

China’s Human Rights Discourse and Policy Agenda along the BRI

Katja Drinhausen, Head of Program Politics and Society, Mercator Institute
for China Studies (MERICS), Berlin

***China`s role in Central Asia - viewed by Turkish Eurasianists and
Panturkish Nationalists (ulusalcılar)***

Dr. Udo Steinbach, MENA Study Centre, Maecenata Foundation

11:00-11:15 *Coffee Break*

11:15-12:30 **Session II - Civil Society and the BRI**

Moderator: Dr. Rupert Graf Strachwitz

***Chinese NGOs in the Belt and Road Initiative:
Between Humanitarian and Political Missions***

Dr. des. Anja Ketels, Senior China Consultant, Marianne Friese Consulting /
Institute of Political Science, University of Münster

The BRI and the Infrastructure of Our Heads

Dr. Ralph Weber, Professor of European Global Studies, University of Basel

12:30-13:30 *Lunch Break*

13:30-15:00 **Session III – Impact on Europe**

Moderator: Dr. Brigitte Weiffen

***Understanding and Managing Political and Economic Risk Along the BRI:
China's Evolving Approach***

Dr. Matt Ferchen, Senior Fellow, LeidenAsiaCentre and Lecturer, Institute
of Area Studies, Leiden University

Europe's response to BRI

Dr. Birgit Wetzel, Journalist, Expert for Caucasus, Central Asia and Energy
topics, Berlin

15:00-15:30 *Coffee Break*

15:30-17:00 **Session IV - Responses to the BRI**

Moderator: Dr. Udo Steinbach

Global Response to BRI

Dr. Jorge Heine, Research Professor, Frederick S. Pardee School of Global
Studies, Boston University

Central Asia's response to BRI

Dr. Viktoria Akchurina, OSCE Academy Bishkek

17:00 *End of Conference*