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CHINA'S BELT & ROAD INITIATIVE (BRI) AT TEN: The World According to China, and China According to the World



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Schedule

- 1:00 REGISTRATION**
- 1:45 CONFERENCE OVERVIEW**
Grant Rhode (BU) & Kathleen (Kate) Walsh (NWC)
- 2:00 WELCOME**
Scott Taylor (Dean of the Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University)
Andrew R. Wilson (John A. van Beuren Chair of Asia-Pacific Studies, US Naval War College)
- 2:15 PANEL 1 THE BRI AT TEN: WHERE IT'S BEEN AND WHERE IT'S GOING**
Grant Rhode (BU), Moderator
William Grimes (BU), Belt and Road Lessons from Japan
Min Ye (BU), From Grand to Green: BRI's Strategic Shift in China
Victor Gao (Soochow U), A Chinese Vision for the Second Decade of the BRI
Jorge Heine (BU), Global South Views of the BRI
- 4:00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
David M. Lampton (SAIS), BRI: China's Big Vision and the Challenges It Faces
- 5:00 RECEPTION**

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- 8:00 COFFEE AND BREAKFAST**
- 8:45 PANEL 2: CONTINENTAL DIMENSIONS OF THE BRI**
Vesko Garcevic (BU), Moderator
Nargis Kassenova (Harvard), BRI Prospects in Central Asia
Carla Freeman (USIP), BRI Prospects in South and Southeast Asia
Tsitsi Musasike (BU), BRI Prospects in Africa
Philippe LeCorre (Asia Society), BRI Prospects in Europe
- 10:30 BREAK**
- 10:45 PANEL 3: MARITIME DIMENSIONS OF THE BRI**
Andrew R. Wilson (NWC), Moderator
Grant Rhode (BU), Great Power Rivalry along the Historic Maritime Silk Road
Alexander Wooley (AidData), Chinese Ports with Military Implications
Marisol Maddox (Wilson Center), China's Polar Silk Road Strategy
Kathleen (Kate) Walsh (NWC), China's Maritime Silk Road and the Blue Economy
- 12:30 LUNCH ON PREMISES**
- 1:30 PANEL 4: DIFFERING BRI NARRATIVES AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS**
Mark Storella (BU), Moderator
Asei Ito (U Tokyo), Belt and Road Initiative in Xi Jinping's Policy Agendas
Jabbar Al-Obaidi (Bridgewater), Global Media Coverage of China's BRI
Nader Habibi (Brandeis), Are China's BRI Investments Sensitive to Host Country Governance Conditions?
M. Taylor Fravel (MIT), Economic Interactions and Political Influence in the BRI
- 3:15 CONCLUDING TALK**
Kevin Gallagher (BU), The BRI at Ten: Maximizing the Benefits, Minimizing the Risks
- 4:15 NEXT STEPS**
Kathleen (Kate) Walsh (NWC) & Grant Rhode (BU)
- 4:30 CONFERENCE END**