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## **Globalisation with Chinese characteristics**

### **Europe's response to China's silk road initiative?**

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When the project "New Silk Road" was launched in 2013 by China's leader Xi Jinping, Western countries were wary of the idea, yet commented on the project quite openly. In the first part of our discussion, we will look at how this mega project is now perceived from a European perspective. In the second part, we will discuss the consequences of the Belt and Road initiative for the EU's trade policy. How do we have to shape European trade and investment policies in the future in order for the EU to remain an attractive trade partner in the OBOR-region?

#### **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

9:30

***Registration***

10:00

***Welcoming and Introduction***

**Reinhard Bütikofer**, Member of the European Parliament, Greens/EFA, and Co-Chair of the European Green Party

10:10

***Panel 1: The EU's perspective and position on China's belt and road initiative: priorities and key measures***

- **Angela Stanzel** (ECFR)
- **Korinna Horta** (Urgewald e.V.)
- **Jonathan Hatwell** (EEAS, head of division for China)
- **Thomas Eder** (Mercator Institute for China Studies, Merics)

11:40

***Panel 2: Implications for the EU's trade policy: opportunities and obstacles***

- **Peter Wolff** (German institute for development, die)
- **Jacopo Maria Pepe** (DGAP)
- **Nadège Rolland** (The National Bureau of Asian Research, Washington DC) (via videoconference)
- **Thomas König** (Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce, DIHK)
- **Fraser Cameron** (director of the EU-Asia Center)

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