

## **New Zealand, China and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road**

*Jointly organised by the New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences*

Venue: Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Date: 8/8/18, 10am to 5pm

The 21<sup>st</sup> Maritime Silk Road (MSR) is the maritime arm of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). It seeks to build economic connectivity, promote development and improve economic relations between maritime nations and China. In 2015, a Southern Route was added to MSR conceptually linking China to the economies of the South Pacific. In March 2017, New Zealand became the first western nation to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with China on the MSR, beginning a discussion about our participation that continues to this day.

At one level, the discussion appears simple. China's proposal presents an opportunity for New Zealand to further its economic partnership whilst promoting regional economic integration and development. At another level, however, China's first major regional initiative presents a unique set of circumstances for New Zealand to consider.

- What drives China's most ambitious regional economic initiative to date and what concepts underpin it?
- How will MSR projects impact regional development and existing relations?
- How does the MSR intersect with existing regional economic architecture and the rules based trading system?
- What is the MSR's proposed value-add for New Zealand and the region and how does this differ from business as usual?

This conference brings together leading researchers from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and New Zealand scholars and practitioners working on BRI issues to discuss the MSR proposal and New Zealand's role in it.

## **PROGRAMME SCHEDULE**

**10am**            ***Tea and Coffee on Arrival***

**10.30am**        ***Welcome and Introductory Remarks***

Tony Browne  
Chair, New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre  
*Welcome*

WANG Yuzhu  
Research Fellow, National Institute of International Strategy, CASS

*China, New Zealand Cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative: Potential and Prospect*

Jason Young  
Director, New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre

*The Belt and Road Initiative: A New Zealand Appraisal*

**11.15am**        ***Panel 1: The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Maritime Silk Road***

Chair: WANG Yuzhu

ZHONG Feiteng  
Research Fellow, National Institute of International Strategy, CASS

*The Belt and Road Initiative and China's Peaceful Development*

Pip McLachlan  
Director, Engagement and Research, Asia New Zealand Foundation

*Cognitive Dissonance on the Belt and Road*

Xiaoming Huang  
Professor of Political Science and International Relations, Victoria University of Wellington

*The Belt and Road Initiative: A Political Economic Perspective.*

**12.30pm**        ***LUNCH***

**1.30pm**        ***Panel 2: The Southern Route of the Maritime Silk Road***

Chair: Jason Young

Marc Lanteigne  
Senior Lecturer, Centre for Defence and Security Studies, Massey University

*Latin America and the Belt and Road's Southern Tier*

WANG Bijun  
Associate Research Fellow, Institute of World Economics and Politics, CASS

*Outward Direct Investment: Restricted (1978-1999), Relaxed (2000-2016) and Regulated (2016 onwards) Stages of Development*

Anna Powles  
Senior Lecturer Centre for Defence and Security Studies, Massey University

*The Pacific Islands and the Belt and Road Initiative*

Stephen Noakes  
Senior Lecturer, Politics and International Relations and Asian Studies, University of  
Auckland

*Understanding China's Development Aid: Lessons for and from the Pacific Islands*

**3.00pm**      ***Afternoon Tea***

**3.20pm**      ***Panel 3: New Zealand and the Maritime Silk Road***

Chair: Duncan Campbell

LIU Jiajun  
Assistant Research Fellow, Institute of Industrial Economics, CASS

*Research on the Cooperation Mode between Chinese and Foreign Industrial Parks  
along the Belt and Road*

Stephanie Honey  
Principal at Honey Consulting

*Navigating Trade in Turbulent Times: Opportunities along the Belt and Road*

ZHAO Jingqiao  
Assistant Research Fellow, National Institute of Economic Strategy, CASS

*Digital Economy: The Development of China and the Opportunity of the Belt and  
Road Country*

Stephen Jacobi  
Executive Director, New Zealand China Council

*Belt and Road – A Strategic Pathway for New Zealand*

**4.50pm**      ***Closing remarks***

WANG Yuzhu  
Research Fellow, National Institute of International Strategy, CASS

Jason Young  
Director, New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre

**5pm**              ***Conference Ends***