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China's Belt and Road Initiative: What it Means to the World, What it Means to OSU

China's "Belt and Road Initiative" is an ambitious effort to build and expand trade infrastructure from East Asia through to Europe, including Africa. It involves over 65 nations, and will involve infrastructure investments along two routes, one overland and one maritime. The project has attracted tremendous interest globally, and China has committed \$1 Trillion in funding to the initiative. The project will include extensive development of harbors, ports, railroads and economic zones across a large portion of the globe. The potential economic, educational, and geopolitical consequences of the initiative could be far-reaching, and the region could conceivably become as important as the transatlantic trade zone. This global briefing, cosponsored by the School of Global Studies and Partnerships and the College of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology, is designed to familiarize the OSU community with the initiative and to identify potential areas where OSU researchers and students might engage the BRI. The main speaker will be Tony Nash, Founder and CEO of Complete Intelligence, who will provide an overview of the project and potential consequences for both the global economy and geopolitics. Additional speakers from Oklahoma State will provide additional depth and context to the project, and identify potential areas for OSU collaboration.

Keynote Speaker

Tony Nash

Founder and CEO at Complete Intelligence, a data analytics firm. Tony has a longstanding track record of creating, inspiring, motivating and leading culturally diverse teams in developed and developing markets across EMEA, North America and Asia. He has worked with multinational clients on management consultancy engagements including national economic transformation plans, market entry strategies, due diligence and cross border transactions.

Panelists

Stephen P. Wanger (Ph.D., Purdue University) is an Associate Professor of Higher Education Administration, Program Coordinator of the Higher Education and Student Affairs program in the College of Education, and a Don and Cathey Humphreys Endowed Chair in the School of International Studies.

Joshua Li, Assistant Professor in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Tong Wu, PhD student in the College of Education, Health and Aviation.



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