

**THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON THE 'NEW SILK ROAD'  
AND SINO-EUROPEAN COOPERATION –  
A CRITICAL ASSESSMENT OF FIRST IMPLEMENTATION.  
EXPERIENCES, RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**第四届“一带一路”与中欧合作国际论坛**

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**October 11, 2018**

**IntercityHotel, Duisburg**

Mercatorstraße 57, 47051 Duisburg

13:30–14:00 **Registration**

14:00–15:15 **Opening Remarks and Keynote Speech**

Volker Mosblech Mayor, City of Duisburg

Bolat Nussupov Ambassador, Kazakhstan to Germany

15:15–15:30 Coffee break

15:30–17:00 **Roundtable I General Overview the BRI in the Past Five Years**

Host: Astrid Skala-Kuhmann Special Advisor, GIZ

Discussants

Djoomart Otorbaev Former Prime Minister Kyrgyzstan

Jun Zhang Dean, School of Economics, Fudan University, Shanghai

Fridtjof Dunkel Economic and EU relations to China, Federal Foreign Office,  
Federal Republic of Germany

Suisheng Zhao Professor, University of Denver

17:00–17:30 Coffee break

17:30–19:00 **Roundtable II Focus on Central, Eastern, and South Europe, Challenges  
and Opportunities**

Host: Guoyou Song Deputy Director, Center for American Studies, Fudan University, Shanghai

Discussants

Jens Bastian Independent Economic Consultant; Member of the Board, Southeast Europe Assn.

Ardian Hackaj Research Director, Cooperation & Development Institute Tirana

Xavier Richet Professor, Université Paris 3 Sorbonne Nouvelle

19:00 Conference dinner



**Bolat Nussupov** is Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Germany. He studied German at the Institute of Foreign languages in Almaty (1993), at the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna (1995), and Economics at the Satpayev State Technical University in Almaty (2005).

From January 1994 he has been working in the system of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

1994–1996: Referent, later Attaché of the Leading Department of the European countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Almaty;

1996–2002: 3rd Secretary, 1st Secretary of the Embassy in Austria, Vienna;

2002–2005: Counsellor, Head of the Western Europe and America Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Astana;

2005–2010: 1st Secretary, later Counsellor and Head of the Economic Division of the Embassy in Germany, Berlin;

2010–2011: Deputy Director of the European Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Astana;

2011–2012: Counsellor, Head of the Economic Division of the Embassy in Germany, Berlin;

2012–2014: Minister-Counsellor of the Embassy in Germany, Berlin;

From July 2014: Chargé d'affaires of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Germany, Berlin;

From September 2014: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Germany.



Dr. **Astrid Skala-Kuhmann** is an international lawyer, expert in emerging markets and sustainability issues with focus on China. She presently acts as special advisor to Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, in particular on the Belt and Road Initiative. She also represents GIZ in the Think Tank 20 Engagement Group as co-chair of one task force. In the “Zukunftsbrücke” (Sino-German Young Professional Campus) she serves as co-dean since 2016. Ms. Skala-Kuhmann is a supervisory board member of Lenzing AG and Semperit AG, Austria since 2014.

From 2012 to 2015 she held a position as director general of the GIZ department Global Partnerships, Emerging Economies. Previously, from 2005 to 2011, she served as the GIZ's chief resident representative and country director in the P.R. China.

Ms. Skala-Kuhmann began her career as an attorney-at-law with the international law firm White & Case (formerly Feddersen & Laule) in Frankfurt. She holds a Ph.D. in international environmental law and has been singled out through her career for several academic awards including a post-graduate scholarship by the Konrad Adenauer-Foundation, a research scholarship at Columbia University, N.Y., awarded by DAAD.



**Djoomart Otorbaev** is a former Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic (April 2014 – May 2015). Between 2011 and 2014 he worked as a Deputy Prime Minister, and a First Deputy Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic. Mr. Otorbaev has been graduated with honors from the Leningrad University (1978), received his Ph.D. from Lebedev Physical Institute (Moscow) (1981), and his Research Professorship in Moscow (1989). Between 2002 and 2005 he worked as a Deputy Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic. After that he worked as a Senior Adviser in the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), based in London (2006–2011).

Professor **Jun Zhang** is one of the leading economists in China who publishes widely. Recent academic contributions have been to *The World Economy*, *China Economic Review*, *Economic Systems*, the *Journal of Asian Economics*, the *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy*, the *Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies*, and the *East Asian Review*.



Over the past 20 years he has authored or edited numerous books including *Economic Transition with Chinese Characteristics: Thirty Years of Reform and Opening Up* (McGill-Queen University Press, 2008), *Transformation of the Chinese Enterprises* (Cengage Learning, 2009), and *Unfinished Reforms of the Chinese Economy* (World Scientific Publishing Ltd., 2013).

He has been on the editorial board of several academic journals including *Economic Systems*, *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy*, *East Asia Policy*, *Journal of Pro-Poor Economics*, *China Social Sciences Review*, *China Economic Quarterly*, *China Economic Journal*, *China: An International Journal*, and editor-in-chief of *Fudan Economic Papers*.

Since 1997 he has been resident as visiting scholar to London School of Economics, SOAS, University of London, University of Aarhus, Tokyo Metropolitan University, Harvard University, Yale University, Kyungpook National University in Korea, The Queens' University, and the World Institute for Development Economics Research of the United Nations University (UNU-WIDER).

He is currently the Dean of School of Economics at Fudan University, and Director of the China Center for Economic Studies.

**Suisheng Zhao** is Professor and Director of the Center for China-US Cooperation at Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver. A Campbell National Fellow at Hoover Institution of Stanford University, Associate Professor of Political Science and International Studies at Washington College in Maryland, Associate Professor of Government and East Asian Politics at Colby College in Maine and Visiting Assistant Professor at the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) at University of California, San Diego, he is the founder and editor of the *Journal of Contemporary China* and the author and editor of more than a dozen of books and several dozens of articles.



Dr. **Guoyou Song** got his Ph.D. in international relations in 2006 from Fudan University. His research field covers Chinese economic diplomacy, Sino-U.S. relations, and international political economy. He is a professor and deputy director of the Center for American Studies, executive director of Asia-Pacific Cooperation and Governance Research Center, a Shanghai University think tank, and director of Economic Diplomacy Studies Center of Fudan University. He is one of the members of advisory committee for China's Ministry of Commerce. He also holds the posts of Senior Research Fellow of International Economics and Finance Institute of Ministry of Finance, member of the standing committee of China National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC), and vice president of National Economic Diplomacy Research Association concurrently. Dr. Song is the author of *Money, Power, and China-U.S. Financial Relations* (2013), and *Balancing Social Interest and State Security: Government's Strategic Choices on Trade Policy* (2007).





Since October 2013 **Jens Bastian** established himself as an independent economic consultant and financial sector analyst.

His main areas of expertise include financial sector analysis, foreign direct investment research, project management in financial engineering instruments, micro-finance institutions and the political economy of risk assessment.

From September 2011 to September 2013 Dr. Jens Bastian was appointed by the European Commission as a member of the Task Force for Greece in Athens, Greece.

His previous professional experience includes working as Lead Economist / Institution Building for the European Agency for Reconstruction, Thessaloniki, Greece, at Alpha Bank in Athens, Greece, as well as various academic positions held at St. Antony's College, Oxford, U.K., Nuffield College, Oxford and the London School of Economics, London, U.K.

Since 2009 Jens Bastian is a senior research associate at ELIAMEP (Hellenic Foundation for Foreign & European Policy) in Athens, Greece.

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**Ardian Hackaj** is Director of Research at Cooperation & Development Institute in Tirana, and the coordinator of Tirana Connectivity Forum. He has authored many research works on Berlin Process, Belt & Road Initiative, youth mobility and migration. Mr. Hackaj has held management positions at the College of Europe-Bruges, International Organization for Migration, at United Nations, and at the European Commission. He holds an MA from College of Europe, a Maîtrise in International Economics from the Université Lumière, Lyon II, and a Diplome Universitaire from the Institut d'Études Politiques, Lyon.



**Xavier Richet** is Emeritus Professor of Economics at the University Sorbonne Nouvelle ([www.univ-paris3/ICEE](http://www.univ-paris3/ICEE)) and co-founder and coordinator of the BRIC Seminar at the Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme in Paris ([www.brics.hypotheses.org](http://www.brics.hypotheses.org)).

Holder of a Jean Monnet Chair in European Integration, he is a specialist in comparative economic systems, in the transition of former socialist economies into market economies, in the study of emerging economies, in particular China where he has been teaching and has conducted numerous field research.

He is interested in Chinese foreign direct investment, in the internationalization of Chinese firms, particularly in the EU-28, and in the analysis of the 16+1 Format associated with China and 16 new member states and acceding countries.

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