The Economics of Belt and Road: Policy Implications of New and Emerging Research  
Friday, January 24th

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AGENDA

8:00 – 8:30am  Registration and Breakfast

8:30 – 8:45am  Welcome and Introduction

Co-hosts Scott Morris (CGD) and Michele Ruta (World Bank)

8:45 – 10:45am  Session 1: Development Opportunities of Belt and Road

8:45 – 9:45am  Panel #1: Growth effects via trade and investment, featuring Francois de Soyres (Federal Reserve) Brad Parks (AidData, William & Mary College), and Stephanie Segal (CSIS).

  - Common Transportation Infrastructure: A Quantitative Model and Estimates from the Belt and Road Initiative

9:45 – 10:45am  Panel #2: Broader lessons from the China model of development, featuring Deborah Brautigam (SAIS-CARI), Xiaobo Zhang (Peking University) and Harinder Kohli (Centennial Group).

  - China’s Belt and Road Initiative: Potential Transformations of Central Asia and the South Caucus

10:45 – 11:00am  Coffee break
11:00am-1:00pm  Session 2: Assessing Costs and Managing Risks

11:00am – 12:00pm  Panel #3: Governance risks – ESS and procurement, featuring Tania Ghossein (World Bank), Erica Downs (Columbia University), and Kevin Gallagher (Boston University).

Public Procurement in the Belt and Road Initiative
The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Power Projects: Insights into Environmental and Debt Sustainability
Harmonizing Investment and Financing Standards Towards Sustainable Development along the Belt and Road

12:00pm – 1:00pm  Panel #4: Fiscal risks associated with the Belt and Road, featuring Luca Bandiera (World Bank), Jeromin Zettelmeyer (IMF), and David Gordon (IISS).

A Framework to Assess Debt Sustainability and Fiscal Risks under the Belt and Road Initiative

1:00-1:05pm  Wrap Up

1:05 – 2:00pm  Informal Networking Lunch