

International Conference
China and the “Wider” Eastern Europe
Centre for East Asian Studies (CEAS), University of Turku, Finland

PROGRAMME

Thursday, October 11, 2018

VENUE: GRANÖ HALL (XV), NATURA BUILDING

10:00 am Arrival and Registration

10:30 am

Welcoming words

Louis Clerc (Professor, Contemporary History, University of Turku)
Lauri Paltemaa (Professor/Director of CEAS, University of Turku)

11:00 am

Keynote speeches

TBA

Li Xing (Professor/Director of Research Centre on Development and International Relations, Aalborg University, Denmark)

The new Kulturbürger? Chinese Migrants in Search of a Pure Land
Pál Nyiri (Professor of Global History from an Anthropological Perspective, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam)

12:15 pm Lunch break

BELT AND ROAD

13:15 pm

Session 1

Polish and Czech Youth's Perception of the Rise of China

Marcin Kaczmarek (Finnish Institute of International Affairs) and Yu-Wen Chen (University of Helsinki, Finland)

China's Free Trade Agreements with Eastern Europe along the New Silk Road
Erja Kettunen-Matilainen (Turku School of Economics, University of Turku, Finland)

Presence vs. Influence - the Role of China in the Baltic States

Una Aleksandra Bērziņa-Čerenkova (Riga Stradins University / Latvian Institute of International Affairs)

14:45 pm Coffee

SOFT POWER

15:15 pm

Session 2

Soft power with Chinese characteristics: How China uses the 16+1 platform for self-legitimization

Richard Turcsanyi (Mendel University, Czech Republic)

China's Public Diplomacy in Poland

Jenny Xi (Sichuan University)

China in Eastern Europe: Geospatial Analysis

Jukka Aukia and Juho Heimonen (University of Turku, Finland)

17:30 pm End of First Conference Day

9:30 am Coffee

UNDERSTANDING 16+1

10:15 am
Session 3

Friends or Foe: "16+1" Discourse Explained Through Cultural Sociology
Runya Qiaoan (Mendel University, Czech Republic)

China's Relations with Central & Eastern European Countries: the Case of Poland
Claudia Zanardi (King's College London)

16+1 platform: Recent Trends
Lukas Las (University of Ostrava, Czech Republic)

12:15 pm Lunch break

"WIDER" EASTERN EUROPE AND CHINA

13:30 pm
Session 4

Silk Road Economic Belt initiative and inbound tourism development in Xinjiang
Parhad Keyim (University of Eastern Finland)

China and the Western Balkans: Special Friendships or Fair-Weather Friends?
Jelena Gledić (University of Belgrade, Serbia)

The Rise of China and Normative Transformation in the Arctic: A Research Plan
Sanna Kopra (Arctic Centre, University of Lapland)

Becoming a primary node of the global economy: The Making of China's functional regions
Liisa Kauppila (University of Turku, Finland)

15:30 pm End of Second Conference Day