



## Panel Discussion on A New Silk Road: The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor – A regional game changer?

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Regionalism in South Asia has entailed the search for collective efforts to overcome mostly weak, congeneric economies, political fragmentation, socio-religious cleavages and the consequent deep-rooted conflicts between state and societies. In order to enhance regional cooperation, for quite some time, the *idea* of Economic Corridor (EC) has become not only a trend in foreign policy strategies but also a buzzword in plans for stimulating economic growth as well as deeper integration of Asia's sub-regions. This has especially been the case within South East Asia. One of the most advanced examples is the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The panel will put the CPEC in the larger context of major strategic developments led by the Chinese and parallel projects like the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Economic Corridor (BCIM-EC). Furthermore, the discussion will shed light on the interests, challenges, and impact of such initiatives from an economic as well as (geo-) political perspective.

**There will be reception afterwards at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria, SAI.**

**You are cordially invited!**

**Date:** 15 October 2015

**Venue:** Room Z10, SAI

**Time:** 5 p.m.-7. p.m.