

New Chinese Initiatives for a Changing Global Security

Belgrade, Republic of Serbia November 9, 2023

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

"New Chinese Initiatives for a Changing Global Security" is a unique conference under the Dialogues on China Format, that brings together experts from Europe, China, and around the world to address the complex and evolving landscape of global security from a Chinese perspective. The Conference will provide a platform for discussing and debating the most pressing security challenges facing China and the world today, including global security, political instabilities, and newly introduced Chinese initiatives such as Global Security Initiative (GSI) and Global Development Initiative (GDI).

In February 2023, Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs published **The Global Security Initiative Concept Paper** which called on countries to adapt to the profoundly changing international landscape in the spirit of solidarity and address the complex and intertwined security challenges with a win-win mindset. The GSI aims to eliminate the root causes of international conflicts, improve global security governance, encourage joint international efforts to bring more stability and certainty to a volatile and changing era, and promote durable peace and development in the world.

During the year 2022, Chinese President Xi Jinping proposed another vision of human development through the **Global Development Initiative**. As the GDI initiator and the world's largest developing country, China is ready to enhance the synergy of strategies with UN development agencies, and together with Group of Friends countries, take measures to implement the 2030 Agenda.

Lastly, **Belt and Road Initiative**, which has been running concurrently with these two efforts for more than ten years and has benefited more than 60 nations worldwide, has helped China establish itself as a major politico-economic actor in Eurasia.

Under the Dialogues on China Format, the Institute of International Politics and Economics along with the Institute for European Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) organizes the **Third international academic conference in Belgrade on November 9, 2023.** Participants will present their own projections of the possibility of achieving the goals outlined through three distinctive initiatives – GSI, GDI, and BRI. Special attention will be given to the areas, activities, and problems, which are given the most importance in the initiatives – global security, global development, role of China as a mediator in international relations, and other aspects of international relations and security policy of China.

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CONFERENCE THEMATIC SCOPE

Through keynote addresses, panel discussions, and interactive sessions, attendees will have the opportunity to engage with leading scholars and practitioners to explore innovative solutions and strategies for addressing these challenges seen from a Chinese perspective. We hereby invite all interested scholars to deliver the abstracts as per the following Thematic Areas of the Conference:

I THEMATIC AREA

China's Global Security Initiative: Initial Perspectives & Challenges

- Global Security Initiative Specifics and Challenges
- Reconfiguration of Global Security under China's leadership What role for Indivisible Security?
- Multipolarity and New Focal Security Points of Global Security
- Layers of a modern Chinese Global Security Policy
- Aspects of China's Regional Security Policy: Case Studies

II THEMATIC AREA

China's Global Development Initiative: A New Agenda for the Globe

- China' Global Development Initiative specifics
- Multipolarisation of International Development Agenda
- New Modalities of China's Policy of International Aid
- UN SDGs and China's Global Development Agenda

III THEMATIC AREA

Belt and Road Initiative: Economic and Political Risks across the Eurasian Realm

- BRI after a decade of existence: Further Challenges and Potentials for Cooperation
- Political Risks in the BRI space
- Economic Risks in the BRI space
- Post-pandemic consequences of the supply chain within the BRI

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TECHNICAL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 1: Call for Abstracts Announcement
- June 5: Deadline for Abstracts Submission
- June 15: Acceptance Notifications
- September 5: Deadline for Papers Submission
- November 9: Dialogues on China
- November 25: Conference Proceedings Published
 - o Editors: Dr. Nenad Stekić and Dr. Aleksandar Mitić; Publisher: IIPE

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

- Abstracts should be of length between 250-300 words and should clearly outline the main points and arguments of the proposed presentation.
- Abstracts should be submitted no later than June 5.
- The accommodation and travel expenses are to be borne by participants themselves.
- To submit your Abstract, please find and fill in the Abstract Form at:
 https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9dq0yOax1bRogFu_VjmWnXSTFTkw4d
 MfSwIREcWIn2E0eyw/viewform

Papers should be written in English language. Papers' length should be between 3500 and 5000 words without abstracts and references. All the selected participants will be further notified about detailed citation rules after the Submission of Abstracts phase is done (approx. on June 15). The submitted papers will be reviewed by two blind peer review competent reviewers. If accepted, they will be included in the Proceedings with the adequate ISBN.

Conference Format: In person.

Participation Fee: Fully aware of ongoing (post)pandemic situation, the organizers decided that **there will be no participation fee** for both domestic and foreign participants.

Venue: Institute of International Politics and Economics

Place: Belgrade, Serbia

Organizers: Institute of International Politics and Economics, Institute for European Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), and China-CEE Institute Budapest.

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