

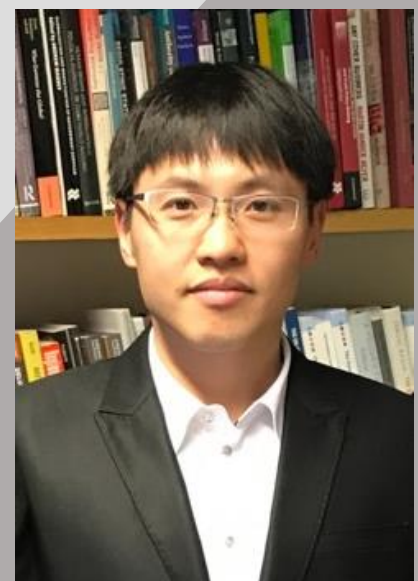
INFRASTRUCTURE AND POLITICS: BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

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Abstract: In 2013, China proposed the “One Belt One Road” Initiative (later Belt and Road Initiative, BRI) to promote regional connectivity, cooperation and development. Since then, large numbers of infrastructure projects, including railways, highways, ports and power stations, have been negotiated and initiated. The BRI recipient states, particularly Southeast Asian countries, have demonstrated varying responses to China’s proposals, and BRI infrastructure projects have encountered various obstacles and pushbacks in the process of implementation. Existing studies of BRI at the macro-, meso-, and micro-levels in the past decade provide different perspectives to explain the variation. The seminar emphasizes how Southeast Asian countries’ domestic socio-political factors influence their foreign policymaking and the BRI infrastructure projects in Southeast Asia. It analyzes China’s infrastructure cooperation with four maritime Southeast Asian countries—Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Singapore—to show how domestic politics generates varying levels of socio-political risks for the BRI projects in Southeast Asia.

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