

WALKING THE NEW SILK ROAD

EU – China economic-legal relations
and dispute settlement in context

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The legendary “Silk Road” was once a 6500 km long caravan track that linked China with the Roman Empire. It functioned as a crucial trade route that carried valuable goods and ideas between the two great civilizations and allowed a highly lucrative commercial relation to develop and flourish. One of the major objectives of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is to revive this ancient legendary route as well as the business opportunities it used to offer. The highly ambitious BRI undertaking aims to improve the physical and digital infrastructure along the old “Silk Road” in order to promote economic co-operation and enhance trade and investment flows inter alia between European States and China. With estimated investments of 900 billion USD, the BRI’s implications range across economic, geopolitical and legal dimensions. The Mathias Corvinus Collegium, in cooperation with the European Chinese Arbitrators Association (ECAA) and the Hungarian Arbitration Association (HAA), is proud to host the “Walking the New Silk Road” conference to address and explore some of the many complex economic and legal implications of the BRI, as well as the role and importance of dispute prevention and resolution in relation to the BRI strategy between Europe and China.



PART I

MORNING SESSION

8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:10	Opening Remarks by <i>Lénárd Sándor</i> (MCC Center for International Law)
9:10 – 9:20	Introduction of the European Chinese Arbitrators Association by <i>Alice Meissner</i> (ECAA, MP Attorneys)
9:20 – 9:45	Keynote Speech (Cross-border Insolvency and Arbitration) by <i>Professor Reinhard Bork</i>
9:45 – 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 – 11:10	Panel Discussion I: Sharing Experience on Arbitrating and Mediating with Insolvent Parties – Tough Questions, Tough Choices Moderator: <i>Prof. Reinhard Bork</i> (Professor of Law, Hamburg University) Panelists: <i>Dr. Thierry Lauriol</i> (Jeantet, Paris) <i>Dr. Katharina Kitzeberger</i> (Weber & Co, Vienna) <i>Zoltan Fabok</i> (DLA Budapest) <i>Lei Niu</i> (Global Law Office, Shanghai)
11:30 – 13:00	Lunch Break

PART II

PLENARY SESSION (2 PM – 7:00 PM CET)

14:00 – 14:10	Welcoming Remarks (MCC Leadership TBD)
14:10 – 14:20	Introductory Remarks I. Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade TBD <i>Hungary's "Eastern Opening Policy" and its role in the BRI</i>
14:20 – 14:30	Introductory Remarks II: The Honorable Ambassador of China to Hungary TBD
14:30 – 15:10	Keynote Speech by <i>Professor M. Sornarajah</i> (Professor of Law, National University of Singapore) <i>The "New Silk Road" in context</i>
15:10 – 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 16:40	Panel Discussion II: The EU and trade & investment under the BRI Moderator: <i>Veronika Korom</i> (HAA, ESSEC Business School) Panelists: <i>David Morris</i> (Vice Chair, UN ESCAP) Chinese business sector I. (TBD) Chinese business sector II. (TBD) <i>Zoltán Lédig</i> (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade)
16:40 – 17:00	Coffee Break

17:00 – 17:20 **Keynote Speech for Panel III by Cui Yang** (Deputy of CIETAC EU)

Introduction of CIETAC European Arbitration Centre, the BRI's

Implications for Dispute Resolution and the Role of CIETAC

17:20 – 18:30 **Panel Discussion III: Dispute Resolution with Chinese Parties:**

Opportunities and Challenges

Moderator: **Avi Zamir** (Retired Judge, Arbitrator and Mediator, Israel)

Panelists: **Alice Meissner** (ECAA, MP Attorneys)

Robin Oldenstam (Arbitration Institute of SCC)

Marianne Kecsmar (ICC)

János Burai-Kovács (Arbitration Court of the Hungarian
Chamber of Commerce)

18:30 – 18:40 **Closing Remarks**

Lénárd Sándor (Head of Center for International Law)

