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Armenia and the Belt and Road Initiative: Challenges and Problems

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Date: 2 – 7 May 2022

Venue:



Ani Grand Hotel
65, Hanrapetutyan Street, Yerevan

<https://anigrandhotelyerevan.com/>

Programme:

Monday (2 May 2022)

Arrival of participants, registration in the hotel.

Tuesday (3 May 2022)

13:30-14:00 Conference registration

14:00-14:30 Opening speech: **Ralph Wrobel**, Project coordinator,

Welcome speech: Vahram Dumanyan, Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of RA (by consent),

Welcome speech: Ararat Mirzoyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the RA (by consent),

Welcome speech- **Diana Galoyan**, Rector of ASUE,

Welcome speech - Viktor Richter, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Armenia (by consent),

Welcome speech- **Fan Yong**, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China in Armenia,

Welcome speech- **Abbas Badakhshan Zohouri**, Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Iran (by consent).

14:30 – 16:30 Keynote Session 1

(Ani Grand Hotel, Yerevan)

Jiang Hongzhen (Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China): "The legal aspects of the Belt and the Road Initiative" *[online]*,

Ralph Michael Wrobel (University of Applied Sciences Zwickau, Germany): "The Chinese Belt and Road Initiative between economics and geopolitics: consequences for Armenia",

Sos Khachikyan (ASUE Yerevan, Armenia): "Spatial Administration and Digital Agenda of One Belt, One Road Project: Innovative Solutions for Armenia"

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee Break

17:00 – 18:00 Keynote Session 2

(Ani Grand Hotel, Yerevan)

Liana Marukyan (Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Yerevan): "The Legal Cooperation between EU – Armenia in the Context of CEPA: Perspectives and New Horizons",

Ali Arpanahi (Iran): "Perspectives of Armenian - Iranian Economic relations within Belt and Road Initiative".

19:00 – 22:00 Welcome Dinner (for participants and guests)

Wednesday (4 May 2022)

10:00 – 12:00 First Session: Experiences from Central Asia and Russia

(ASUE, Conference Hall, moderation: Ralph Wrobel),

Anna Tarasova (Volga State University of Technology, Yoshkar-Ola, Russia): "Russia's Experiences with BRI: challenges for Business",

Hans-Christian Brauweiler (University of Applied Sciences Zwickau, Germany): "Challenges and opportunities to develop Kazakhstani logistics projects within the BRI",

Akmoldoev, Kyialbek (Ala-Too International University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan): "How realistic is Belt and Road Initiative for Kyrgyzstan and other Central Asian countries?".

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch Buffet

14:00 – 16:00 Second Session: Experiences from the Caucasus Region

(ASUE, Conference Hall, moderation: Sos Khachikyan),

Davit Gondauri (Business and Technology University, Tbilisi, Georgia): "Georgia's Experiences with BRI: advantages and disadvantages",

Atom Margaryan (ASUE Yerevan, Armenia): "One Belt, One Road Project as an innovative Platform for Technology Transfer: Opportunities for Armenia",

Armen Minassian (Iran): "Iran – Armenia Cooperation: BRI as Chance for Regional Cooperation".

19:00 – 21:00 Dinner for participants

Thursday (5 May 2022)

10:00 – 12:00 Third Session: Both ends of the Belt and Road: diverging experiences

(ASUE, Conference Hall, moderation: Hans-Christian Brauweiler),

Katja Kalkschmied (Ruhr University Bochum, Germany) "Challenges and Problems with Chinese lending specifics and BRI projects: Analyzing a new dataset tracking Chinese development finance projects into the world",

Hess, Alexander & Christoph M. Hindermann (University of Erfurt, Germany) "The BRI and the Chinese Stock Market",

Jagannath P. Panda (Stockholm Centre for South Asian and Indo-Pacific Affairs at the ISDP, Sweden) "India's and Sri Lanka's experience with the Maritime Silk Road".

12:00 – 13:00 Luncheon for participants

13:00 – 18:00 Excursion in Yerevan, reception in the Armenian-Chinese Cooperation Center in the National Academy of Science of Armenia, visit to Ararat Brandy Company.

19:00 – 22:00 Farewell Dinner

Friday (6 May 2022)

09:00 – 18:00 Excursion in the countryside (optional)

Visit to Ejmiatsin (spiritual centre of Armenia), Khor Virap (Monastery)

Saturday (7 May 2022)

Departure of participants