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One Belt One Road: Global China Amid the Wave of Anti-Globalization

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The recent Brexit vote, the election of the U.S president, the shift in the political landscape in Brazil and similar populist and anti-globalist movements in other countries around the world highlights the direction where the global interactions are heading. Contrary to its past engagements around the globe, China has taken a different approach through its recently launched 'One Belt One Road' (OBOR). Rising as a champion for taking a more global view in their outlook towards trade, economic partnerships to cultural exchange, China's trillion-dollar development strategy is ambitious and targets economic growth in many countries across the Eurasian heartland, South Pacific, Western Africa, and Latin America. The initiative is a step towards creating strategic partnerships and new alliances to the shape the security and economic architecture of the international order.

Through this symposium, our first panel will discuss the overarching impact of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) on the shift in global power and how this shift will have a trickle-down effect to the grassroots level. Followed by the second panel highlighting the legal implications of BRI amidst complex interactions with common citizens, systems and social values for both China and local governments. Also, discussing the impact on legal framework nationally and internationally including litigation, labour laws, environmental law, and mergers & acquisitions. The symposium will end with a keynote session with Dr Adil Najam, Dean, Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University who shall sum up the overall discussion on implications of populist and anti-globalist movements and role of BRI in the global order.

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