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## FROM CHINA TO EUROPE: CHINA'S BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE AND CONTRACT LAW HARMONIZATION

In 2013 the President of the People's Republic of China announced China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The Initiative is an attempt to revive the historical Silk Road, which connected China to many countries on the Eurasian subcontinent for the export of Chinese silk, but has a much broader scope: official documents identify five major "cooperation priorities". Since its launch, commentators have remarked that BRI might possibly become a crucial landmark for global trade and international relationships. From a legal viewpoint, China and many (but not all) of the countries along the BRI area are members of the Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) of 1980; the Initiative could therefore be the flywheel for contract law harmonization and for the implementation and expansion of the CISG. The seminar will also discuss if Chinese law will dominate legal developments in the Belt and Road area.

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*Welcome addresses and introduction to the topic*

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*China's Belt and Road Initiative – Legal Aspects*

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*The impact of the Belt and Road Initiative on the CISG*

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