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Scientific Conference:

Global Consequences of One Belt, One Road

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CALL FOR PAPERS

I. Overview

With the growing importance of China on the international stage, it is increasingly being argued that the 21st century will be the Age of Asia - the century in which Asian countries will reach the level of economic development comparable to that of the Western countries. A similar opinion is often voiced by Chinese officials.

In 2013, during his visits to Kazakhstan and Indonesia, the President of the People's Republic of China Xi Jinping proposed the creation of two landmark projects: "the Silk Road Economic Belt" and "the 21st century Maritime Silk Road." The land-based and sea-based components have received the common name of *One Belt, One Road (OBOR)* initiative. Said project has its roots in the historical heritage of the Silk Road.

The main focus of the conference is global consequences of the aforementioned initiative. The process of conceptualization is still underway and Chinese policymakers, knowingly and intentionally, reveal only the project outline. It is difficult to determine the final scale and scope of *One Belt, One Road* initiative from the information given so far; however,

considering the investments that have already been made, the international impact can be quite significant.

II. Conference Topics

We invite submission of abstracts and papers that relate in general with the overview of the conference, and that particularly address one or more of the following topics:

1. Geopolitical consequences of *One Belt, One Road*

China's presence on the international stage has been growing steadily for many years and the country is already considered one of the most influential in the region. However, as China's foreign policy shows, their aspirations reach much further. The goal is to become a global power. The main objective of *One Belt, One Road* initiative is to strengthen China's position in the world. The question remains whether it will be effective enough as a diplomacy tool.

In this context participants are encouraged to engage in a discussion on the following issues:

- a) The *One Belt, One Road* initiative as a diplomacy tool;
- b) China – European Union relations;
- c) China – United States relations;
- d) China – Russia relations;
- e) China – ASEAN relations;
- f) China – Central and Eastern European Countries (CEE's) relations;
- g) The importance of the *One Belt, One Road* initiative for South, Southeast and East Asia;
- h) The importance of the *One Belt, One Road* initiative for Central and West Asia;
- i) The importance of the *One Belt, One Road* initiative for South America;
- j) The importance of the *One Belt, One Road* initiative for Africa;
- k) China's military potential - threats and challenges;
- l) China as a security provider in the region;
- m) China and the conflicts in the East Asia region.

2. Economical consequences of *One Belt, One Road*

Samuel Huntington said that the economic dominance of the Western countries is a two-hundred-year “blip” that soon will be over and disappear without a trace. Taking into account China's steady GDP growth we ought to ask whether this statement made in the 90's is still valid today. The financial crisis of 2007-2008 visibly contributed to the China's economic slowdown. *One Belt, One Road* can, however, help reverse past trends thereby strengthening China's position in global economy.

In this context participants are encouraged to engage in a discussion on the following issues:

- a) Chinese economy and the *One Belt, One Road* initiative;
- b) The impact of the initiative on the international trade system;
- c) China – European Union trade and economic cooperation;
- d) China – United States trade and economic cooperation;
- e) China – Russia trade and economic cooperation;
- f) China – ASEAN trade and economic cooperation;
- g) China – Central and Eastern European Countries trade and economic cooperation;
- h) China's role in the creation of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP);
- i) The role of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and the Silk Road Fund;
- j) *One Belt and One Road* and the energy market;
- k) The cooperation with China after the withdrawal of the US from the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP);
- l) The developed countries and the “Made in China” products.

3. *One Belt, One Road* as an instrument of China's soft power.

One Belt and One Road is an initiative aiming not only to strengthen China's geopolitical and economic position but to spread values system and policy model alternative to the Western ones.

In this context participants are encouraged to engage in a discussion on the following issues:

- a) *One Belt, One Road* as a tool for expanding the influence of Chinese culture;
- b) Countries and societies, and cooperation with China;
- c) Promotion of the Confucian tradition and Chinese legalism through the economic cooperation;
- d) The issues of relativism and cultural universalism in relations with China;
- e) Values and human rights in Northern countries' policy towards China;
- f) Values and human rights in China's policy towards the Southern countries.

III. Participation

Interested participants should submit an abstract of **1 300 - 2 000** characters with spaces to **dknsuw@gmail.com** until **April 9th, 2017**.

Abstract selection will be announced before **April 30th, 2017**.

The conference fee is **100 PLN**. The payment details will be submitted to all participants who passed abstract selection.

Participants will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses.

The organisers provide for the possibility of free participation in the conference for researchers, students and doctoral students. Those interested in participating in the conference as free listeners are invited to send information via e-mail to the organisers at the following address: **dknsuw@gmail.com** until **June 6th, 2017** (without filling out a form).

Please include in e-mail your name, affiliation and your academic title/degree.

IV. Post-conference Monograph

Interested participants can submit their full papers for post-conference monograph.

All submitted articles are subjected to the review in accordance with the principle of the double-blind review process. The best articles will be published in the post-conference monograph. Other texts approved by the reviewers will be published in scientific journals on the ministerial list of ranked journals.

Full papers of **25 000 - 40 000** characters with spaces should be submitted by **June 14th, 2017**.

Details about formal and editorial requirements will be submitted to all participants with the information about the results of abstract selection.

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