Belt and Road Forum

08:30-09:00: Registration
09:00-09:10: Opening: Norbert Csizmadia (President of the Board, PAIGEO)

09:10-10:30 - Keynote speakers

- Ágnes Bernek (geopolitical analyst, expert, Hungarian National Trading House): Central and Eastern European Countries in the Multipolar World of the 21st Century

- Matt Ferchen (scholar at the Carnegie-Tsinghua Center for Global Policy, associate professor at Tsinghua University): Between GeoEconomic Strategy and Developmental Peace: Understanding Competing Perceptions of China’s Belt and Road

10:30-11:00 – Coffee break

11:00-12:30 – European Union and China dialogue along the Belt and Road Initiative

Moderator: Anton Bendarzsevskij (director, PAIGEO)

- Liu Chunrong (Director of our European study center in Copenhagen, Fudan-European Centre for China Studies): The Politics of Framing Dissonance: Contesting China’s Regional Activism in Europe

- Marek Hrubec (director of the Center for Global Studies of the Institute of Philosophy): TBD
- **Li Zhen** (President of European Institute for One Belt One Road Economic and Cultural Cooperation and Development (EUOBOR)): The Challenges of OBOR: Beyond the US Trade War and EU Policy

- **He Zhigao** (assistant professor, Institute of European Studies): The co-evolution of China and the European Union along the BRI

12:30-13:30 – Lunch

13:30-15:00 – Infrastructure of the Belt and Road Initiative

**Moderator:** Tamás Baranyi (leader of research, Antall József Knowledge Center)

- **David Blundell** (professor of International Doctoral and Master’s Program in Asia-Pacific Studies National Chengchi University, Taipei): TBD

- **Viktor Eszterhai** (deputy director of research at PAIGEO, senior China researcher): Hungary and the Eurasian Rail Transportation: Current Situation and Possible Trends

- **Jakub Jakobowski** (Senior Fellow at the Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW)): TBD

- **Péter Bucsky** (infrastructure expert, PhD candidate): Europe - China freight trains: traffic volumes and infrastructure development

15:00-15:30 – Coffee Break

15:30-17:00 – Eurasian economic corridor, role of Kazakhstan

**Moderator:** László Vasa (deputy director, Institute of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary)

- **Leila Ahmetzhanova** (associate professor, Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Faculty of International Relations): TBD

- **Charles Sullivan** (associate professor of Nazarbayev University): Kazakhstan at a Crossroads

- **Pál Gyene** (associate professor, Budapest Business School - University of Applied Sciences): China’s BRI initiative- some political and security implications for Kazakhstan and Central Asia

- **Anton Bendarzsevszkij** (director, PAIGEO): Mapping the Eurasian economic corridor of Belt and Road Initiative