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You are cordially invited to SIPRI for a panel discussion on

Security implications of China's 21st Century Maritime Silk Road

The sea-based component of the Belt and Road Initiative, the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road (the Road), is an ambitious Chinese vision to improve global connectivity and cooperation. Through the Road China has been expanding its footprint in two strategic maritime spaces, the South China Sea and the Indian Ocean Region. The Road fills connectivity gaps and creates opportunities for economic cooperation, but also has considerable security implications. What are China's aspirations for the Road and how does it reflect China's core interests? How is the Road interacting with the security dynamics of the South China Sea and the Indian Ocean Region? And, how might the Road affect the foreign and security interests of the EU, including those of Sweden?

This panel discussion brings together the authors of the recently published SIPRI and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) report *The 21st Century Maritime Silk Road: Security Implications and Ways Forward for the EU* and expertise from the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI).

Wednesday, 12 September 2018, 14.00–15.30 at SIPRI, Signalistgatan 9, Solna

Coffee will be served at 13.30 and the discussion will begin at 14.00.



Panellists

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Moderator

Dan Smith, Director of SIPRI

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