One-Belt-One-Road
Global Challenges and Opportunities

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In the fall of 2013, China’s President Xi Jinping proposed a global effort known as “One-Belt-One-Road” (OBOR). Unlike many other Chinese proposals currently on the table such as the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), which has multi-national economic development as underpinning, the implication and potential impact of OBOR appears to be deeper and broader. Roughly speaking, the upstream of OBOR is what President Xi refers to as Cultural Communication. It is an initiative to culturally (and subsequently economically) revitalize land and maritime Ancient Silk Routes (ASR). However, unlike ASR, OBOR’s success places unprecedented demand on China to profoundly understand other cultures and civilizations. This lecture will concentrate on maritime OBOR, with particular relation to India. OBOR’s success will likely be measured by decades and maybe centuries, and could initiate a neo-Renaissance to allow humanity to meet unprecedented challenges.

Speaker Bio

Dr. Da Hsuan Feng is Special Assistant to the Rector and Director of Global Affairs at the University of Macau. Formerly he was M. Russell Wehr Professor of Physics of Drexel University, Vice President of the University of Texas at Dallas and Senior Vice President of National Tsing Hua University in Taiwan. Since his move to Asia in 2007, Dr. Feng has lectured widely throughout Asia Pacific, Southeast Asia and South Asia on the challenges of higher education. Beginning July 2016, he has been lecturing on the topic of One-Belt-One-Road in Singapore, Malaysia, Mainland China, India and Taiwan.