



## Event Notice: **Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7:30pm**

### **The Belt and Road Initiative**

On March 28, 2015, China unveiled the principles, framework, and cooperation priorities and mechanisms in its Belt and Road Initiative. Chinese officials said that this initiative, also dubbed as the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Maritime Silk Road initiatives, will be open to all nations and are not limited by geography.

***Ambassador Lu Shaye will present on the Belt and Road initiative, followed by a panel discussion with him, Dr. Sarah Taylor, and Dr. Jeremy Paltiel, moderated by Roy Atkinson to address the following:***

- China's goals for this initiative, its scope and scale, and China's expectations on when and how it will be implemented
- Implications (including both opportunities and risks) for the countries that will be the early "partners" in this initiative
- Implications for countries that are part of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)
- Implications for Canada and how Canadians can leverage this opportunity to further enhance cultural exchange and trade with China



**Ambassador Lu Shaye** is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China (P.R.C.) to Canada. He served as the Director-General, Bureau of Policy Research, Office of Foreign Affairs of the Communist Party of China Central Committee (2015-2017), Vice Mayor of Wuhan, Hubei Province (2014-2015), Director-General, Department of African Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2009-2014), and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the P.R.C. to the Republic of Senegal (2005-2009). Ambassador Lu brings a wealth of experience serving in various positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of P.R.C. over the years, as well as in the embassies of P.R.C. in several countries.



**Dr. Sarah Taylor** is the Director General of North Asia and Oceania at Global Affairs Canada. She was the Deputy Head of Mission and Minister for Political-Economic Relations and Public Diplomacy at the Embassy of Canada to the P.R.C. (2011-2015) and Special Advisor to the Assistant Deputy Minister for Asia Pacific at Global Affairs Canada (2015-2016). Prior to her assignment in China, Dr. Taylor worked in the Privy Council Office (2006-2011). She also served abroad as a foreign service officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (1990-2006).



**Dr. Jeremy Paltiel** is a Professor of Political Science at Carleton University. He was a visiting professor at the Department of International Relations at Tsinghua University in Beijing (2009). Professor Paltiel authored numerous articles and books on Chinese politics, human rights and the Chinese tradition, civil-military relations in China, East Asian foreign relations, and Sino-Canadian relations, including *The Empire's New Clothes: Cultural Particularism and Universality in China's Rise to Global Status* (Palgrave, 2007).



**Roy Atkinson** is the former Co-President of Canada China Friendship Society - Ottawa. He retired from the Federal Public Service after having held a wide range of executive positions in the federal economic portfolio. He also provided consulting service to national governments and international organizations across eastern and southern Africa (1990-1997).

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**Refreshments and conversation following the panel discussion and Q&A**

All are welcome. No pre-registration required. Entry is free for CCFS members and \$15 for non-CCFS members.

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