



ANNUAL REPORT 2019



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We are delighted to present the China-CEE Institute annual report 2019 here. This is the second annual report since the Institute was established, and we certainly hold that the China-CEE Institute has been playing a constructive role in disseminating knowledge, improving better mutual understanding, and promoting fruitful communications between China and Central and Eastern European countries.

China-CEE Institute has made considerable achievements in 2019 on regional and country studies in Central and Eastern Europe and beyond. Main developments were the continuous publications, including, but not limited to, weekly briefings, working papers, proceedings, joint publications of books, etc. In addition to these achievements, the Institute has organized quite a few events including international academic conferences, workshops, book-launches and lectures. We firmly believe that the China-CEE Institute will further enhance its role in the fields concerned.

Meanwhile, we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our partners for the successful cooperation over the past year.

WU BAIYI

President, China-CEE Institute
Director-General, Institute of European Studies,
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

CHEN XIN

Executive President, China-CEE Institute
Deputy Director-General, Institute of European Studies
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

MISSION

The China-CEE institute aims to be a Think Tank on regional and country studies in Central and Eastern Europe. China-CEE Institute builds ties and strengthens partnerships with academic institutions and Think Tanks in Central and Eastern European countries. And China-CEE Institute also welcomes scholars and researchers in CEE countries to carry out joint researches, field studies, seminars and lecture series, some training programs for younger students, translation, and publication, etc. To gain a high profile and to penetrate into the knowledge market with a professional niche, China-CEE Institute publishes weekly briefings, working papers, books, survey, launches joint project, and organizes conferences, workshops and lectures.



STRUCTURE

China-CEE Institute is established by Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), registered as the non-profit corporation in Budapest, Hungary. The Institute of European Studies, CASS, is responsible for organizing and managing it. The China-CEE Institute has established the International Academic Committee and invited corresponding academicians and associate researchers.

The managing board of the China-CEE Institute is the following:

- Wu Baiyi, the Director General of the Institute of European Studies, CASS, is the President of the China-CEE Institute .
- Wang Lei, Director General of Bureau of International Cooperation, CASS, is the Vice-President of the China-CEE Institute.
- Chen Xin, Deputy Director General of the Institute of European Studies, CASS, is the Executive President and Managing Director of the China-CEE Institute.
- Luo Jinghui is the the First Vice-President of the China-CEE Institute

International Academic Committee

Cai Fang



Vice-President of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)
Chairman of International Academic Committee of the China-CEE
Institute

Professor Cai Fang is a Member of Standing Committee and Vice Chairman of Agricultural and Rural Committee of National People's Congress of China, Academician and Vice President of CASS. He is also a Member of Advisory Committees of several ministries of the Chinese government. He was rewarded in recent years by China Soft Science Prize, Zhang Peigang Development Economics Prize of Sun Yefang Economics Prize. His published books include *The Chinese Economy*, *Avoiding the Middle Income Trap* and *Beyond Demographic Dividend*. He has edited *Greenbook Series of Population and Labor*.

Huang Ping



Vice Chairman of International Academic Committee of the China-CEE Institute

Professor Huang Ping, Ph.D. in Sociology (LSE, London, 1991), is a Senior Research Fellow (1997-), Chairman of China-CEEC Think Tank Network, the President of the Chinese Association of American Studies, Vice President, Chinese Association of European Studies, and Co-Chair, International Institut Transcultural. Huang was the Director General of Institute of American Studies, CASS (2006-2014), once elected as Vice President, International Social Science Council (ISSC, 2005-2008), twice Vice President, International Institute of Sociology (IIS,2003-2013), once elected as Vice President, Inter-Governmental Council, Management of Social Transformation, UNESCO, twice elected as a Board Member, UNRISD. Huang has published books and papers in social development, labor migration, modernity, and globalization. He has co-chaired China-EU High-Level Cultural Forum since 2012. He was a visiting professor at the Duke University, the Johns Hopkins University, Oxford University, and the International House of Japan.



Chen Xin

Deputy Director General of the Institute of European Studies, CASS.
Executive President and Managing Director, the China-CEE Institute

Professor Chen Xin is the Executive Secretary General of the Chinese Association of European Studies (CAES). He is also an Executive member of Chinese Association on International Economic Relations. His main research interests are EU-China Trade and Economic Relations, European Economy, and Central East European Studies. Some of his latest publications are including: Policy Evolution on EU-China Trade and Economic Relations (2009), Greek Debt Crisis and its Origins (2010), European Sovereign Debt Crisis and Economic Governance (2011), Chinese Perception on Reforming the International Monetary System(2011), Euro Debt Crisis: Dilemma of Governance and Solutions (2012), New Tendencies in European Economic Relations toward China (2013), An Brief Analysis on the China-EU and EU-US trade relations (2013), EU 2015 Trade Policy and its implications for China (2016). Report on China-CEEC Economic and Trade Cooperation (2016). What Hungary Perceives the Belt and Road Initiative and China-CEEC Cooperation (2017).



Kong Tianping

Senior Research Fellow, the Institute of European Studies, CASS

Professor Kong Tianping, Senior Research Fellow in the Institute of European Studies, which affiliates to the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Shandong University in 1986. After he finished program of Master Degree in the Graduate School of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in 1989, he started to work for the Institute of Soviet and Eastern European Studies. He received Ph. D. for laws in the Graduate School of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in 1996. He was a visiting scholar in the East Central European Center in Columbia University in 1998. He used to serve as director for Division of East European Studies in Institute of Russian, Central Asian and East European Studies and director for the Division of Central and Eastern European Studies in the Institute of European Studies. His research fields cover transformation and Europeanization in CEE, transition economies, comparative economic system, international politics, China-CEE relations. He is executive council member of Chinese Association of East European, Russian and Central Asian Studies, executive council member of Chinese Society of World Economics, council member of Chinese Association for European Studies, Vice president of Chinese Association of Central and Eastern European Studies.



Bogdan Góralczyk

Director of the Centre for Europe at the University of Warsaw

Professor Bogdan Góralczyk, Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw, since September 2016 also a director of the Center. He has recently published (in Polish): A biography (first one in Polish) of dr Sun Yat-sen, Warsaw 2013; "Przebudzenie smoka. Powrót Chin na scenę globalną" (Revival of the Dragon. Return of China to the Global Scene), Warsaw 2012. He also edited a volume „Polska-Chiny. Wczoraj, dziś, jutro”, also published in English as “Poland – China: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, Toruń 2014; “Unia Europejska jako aktor na scenie globalnej: Razem czy osobno?” (European Union as a Global Actor: United or Fragmented?”, Warsaw 2014) and “European Union on Global Scene: United or Irrelevant?”, Warsaw 2015. His recent major studies in English: papers in “Yearbook of Polish European Studies” (2009/2010/2011/2013/2014). “Polish Sinology: Reflections on Individualized Trajectories” has been published in a volume by Chih-yu Shih (Ed.), “Sinology in Post-Communist States” at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and in 2017 another article within that project was published: “Hungarian and Polish Sinology: Parallel Lives”, in: (Chih-yu Shih, Peizhong He, Lei Tang eds.), “From Sinology to Post-Chineseness: Intellectual Histories of China, Chinese People, and Chinese Civilization”, Beijing 2017. Prof. B. Góralczyk was visiting scholar in many Universities in US, Thailand, China and India, etc.



András Inotai

Senior Research fellow, Institute of World Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Visiting professor at the College of Europe (Bruges and Warsaw), Center for European Integration (University of Bonn, Germany), European Online Academy (Berlin and Nice). Member of various international scientific/advisory boards (Progressive Economic Initiative and TEPSA in Brussels, College of Europe, Bertelsmann Foundation) and member of the editorial board of more than a dozen international professional journals. His main research areas major economic challenges in the era of globalisation (growth and job-creation, demography, migration, supply security); the shifting balance of global economic power, with special reference to China; global financial, economic and social crisis and its medium-term consequences; the post-crisis European integration: deepening, enlarging and global role; economic transformation in Central and Eastern Europe: retrospection after twenty years in regional comparison.



Časlav Očić

Academician, Full Member, Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts

Professor Časlav Očić has been a correspondent member of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts since 2003. He is the Chairman of the Committee on Economic Sciences of the SANU; Chairman of the SANU Population Study Committee; Editor in charge of the economy of the Serbian Encyclopedia; Editor-in-Chief of the Collective *Matica Srpska* for Social Sciences, since 2005; Deputy editor-in-chief of the *Ekslibris* Chronicles magazine since 1995; EU expert for evaluation of the project in the field of social sciences, since 2005. He has been Member, founder and President of the Scientific Society “Kosta Cukić” since 1999; Member of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies since 2000; Regular member (he is in the Presidency) of the Scientific Society of Economists; Regular member of the Academy of Economic Sciences; One of the founders of the Society for Economic History; Member of the European Academy of Economic Sciences; Member of the International Association for the Science of Regional Development (IRSA); Member of WEA (World Economics Association); Founder and President of the Exsibree Society of Belgrade; Member of FISAE (International Association of Exclusive Companies) since 1994



Hrubec Marek

Coordinator of the strategic Research Program, Czech Academy of Sciences

Professor Hrubec Marek, Director and Senior Research Fellow, Centre of Global Studies, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague; Head, Department of Moral and Political Philosophy, Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Science, Prague. His research area focuses on Global studies, China studies, China-CEE relations, academic diplomacy, social and political theory. The head of the research group on the theme „Conceptions of Desert and Recognition“. Selected publications: Marek Hrubec, Johann P. Arnason (eds.). 2016. *Social Transformations and Revolutions. Reflections and Analyses*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. Hrubec, Marek (guest editor): *Symposium: Contemporary Social Criticism*. In: *International Critical Thought* Vol. 2, Issue 4, 2012 (Routledge). Hrubec, Marek: *An Articulation of Extra-Territorial Recognition*. In: Burns, Tony (ed.): *Global Justice and the Politics of Recognition*. Palgrave 2013, p. 271 – 295; Hrubec, Marek, *The Struggle for Social Justice. On the Boundary between Nation- States and Supranational Arrangement*. *Anachronia*, No. 13, February 2015, Hamburg, pp. 86 – 109.



Metka Tekavčič

Dean, Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana

Professor Metka Tekavčič, Dean of the Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana (FELU) in 2013. From 2001 to 2007 professor Tekavčič was Vice-Dean at the FELU. From 1999 to 2001 she was also the Head of the Academic Unit of Management and Organization. Her research interest lies in the fields of cost and performance management, as well as non-profit and especially education management. Prof. Tekavčič has attended many international conferences, where she has presented papers from her research areas. She is a member of editorial boards in several prominent journals from her research field. Prof. Tekavčič is president of the FELU's Senate and the Head of the Institute for Management and Organization. In 2014 she was awarded the Artemida award for Women's Excellence in Management. From 1992 till 2013 she was a member of the City Council of Ljubljana, Slovenia. She has long been and remains a member of the supervisory boards of many important Slovenian companies and other institutions. Since 2017, prof. Tekavčič has also served as a member of the AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) Initial Accreditation Committee and a member the and European Advisory Council (EAC).



Gheorghe Zaman

Correspondent member of Romanian Academy

Professor Gheorghe Zaman, Ph.D., Corresponding member of Romanian Academy, Vice President of the Economic, Law, and Sociological Sciences Section of the Romanian Academy, President of the General Association of Economists from Romania (AGER), President of the Scientific Council of Romanian Scientific Management Society (SSMAR), and Chairman of the Group of Experts of the Romanian Distribution Committee (as proof of special merit receiving an excellence award: „RESPAD Trophy”). His Honors: Doctor Honoris Causa, Universitatea „1 Decembrie 1918” din Alba Iulia (2013); Doctor Honoris Causa, Universitatea „Ovidius” din Constanța (2013); Member of Interinstitutional Committee for the Partnership (2012), etc. His scientific research field focuses on micro and macroeconomics; international economics; strategies of sustainable development, globalization crises and business cycle; FDI; input-output models for foreign trade and labour; theory of transition to market economy; R&D, labour economics. His publications: number of volumes (author/coauthor): more than 30 volumes, of which 8 published abroad (Germany, Russian, Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy); number of paper in periodicals: more than 350 studies and articles.

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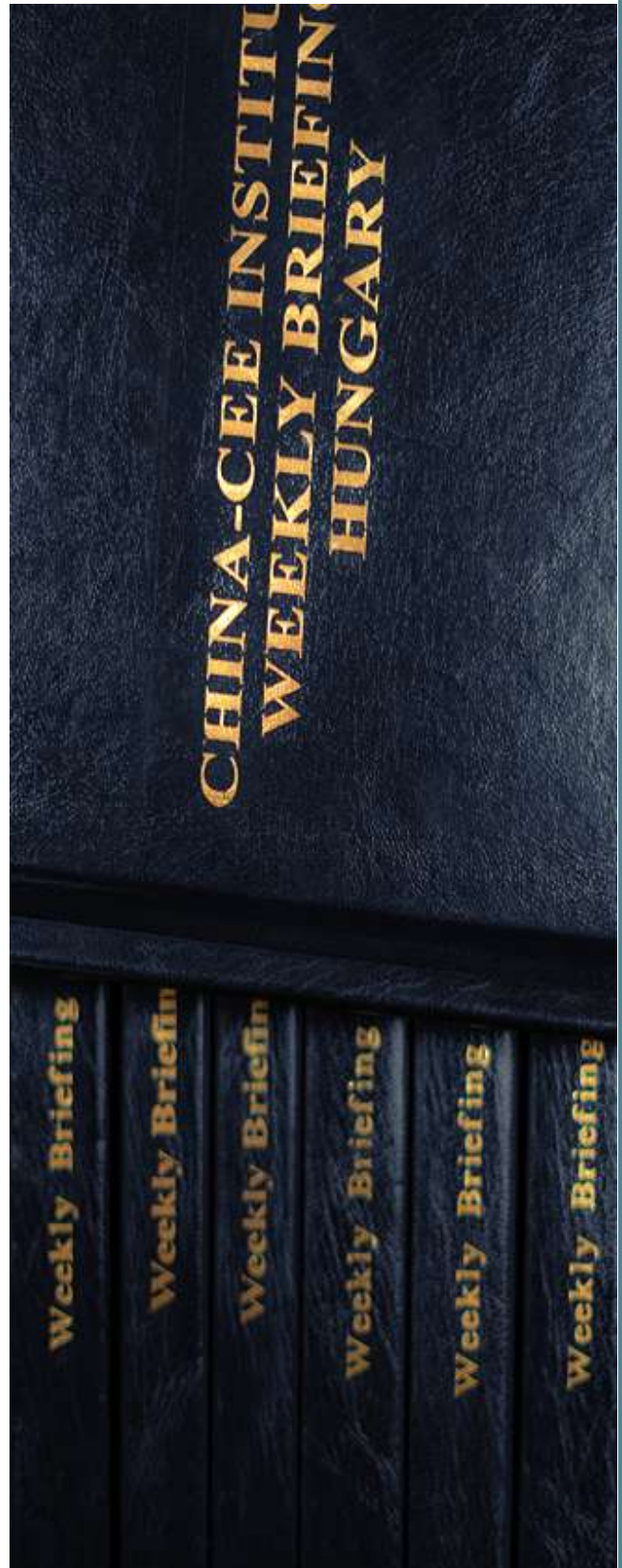
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WEEKLY BRIEFING



China-CEE Institute weekly briefings are database for country studies of Central and Eastern European countries, European Studies and International Relations and other fields of social sciences. To gain a high profile, to penetrate into the knowledge market with a professional niche and to provide high quality products, China-CEE Institute establishes a good collaboration with non-residential researchers from various countries.

By December 2019, weekly briefings have covered 17 countries. They are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia. China-CEE Institute has published 621 weekly briefings during the whole year of 2019.

There are four weekly briefings per month for each country in terms of domestic politics, economy, society and external relations. Each briefing, focusing on one or two main issues with analysis, is about the latest development in each country, normally about issues from the previous month. Theoretically, each briefing is about 1500 words in English.

China-CEE Institute weekly briefings are published with ISSN: 2560-1601.

All briefings are accessible on the website of China-CEE Institute (<https://china-cee.eu/>).

WORKING PAPER

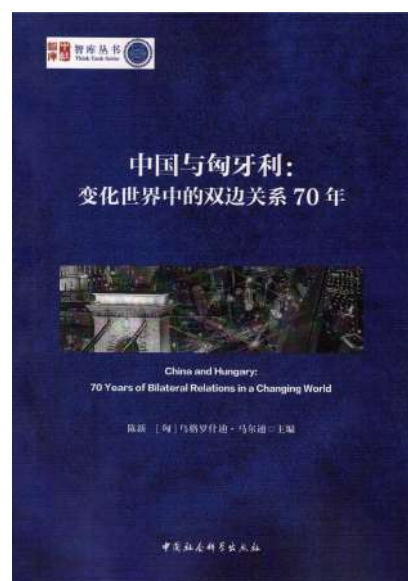


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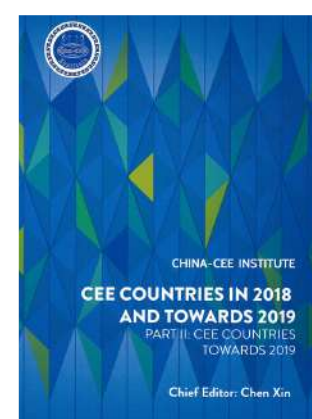
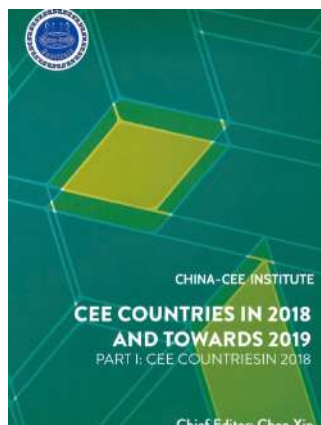
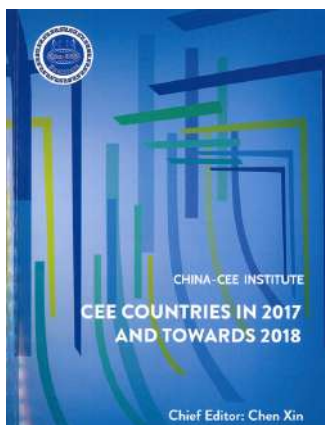
China-CEE Institute Working Paper series include articles that are of interest to the academic community, as well as researchers in Central and Eastern European Countries and worldwide. Starting from October 2017, articles undergo a refereeing process, and their publication is supervised by an academic committee. Working papers are mainly based on three themes, i.e. “16+1 in China-EU Relations”, “How CEE countries perceive China’s Development”, “How CEE countries perceive the Belt and Road Initiative and 16+1 Cooperation”. Now 68 working papers are included, with ISSN: 2560-1628. Some working papers have been formulated into book format. In 2019, working papers are mainly based on three themes, i.e. “16+1 Cooperation development”, “China’s bilateral relations with CEE countries”, and “EU-China cooperation”. This year, 10 working papers were published. It is the objective of China-CEE Institute Working Paper Series to disseminate the research results to a wider range of audiences, including academia as well as general public. Thus, all Working Papers can be downloaded free of charge from our website of the Institute or can be accessed via the newsletter for registered visitors.

BOOKS



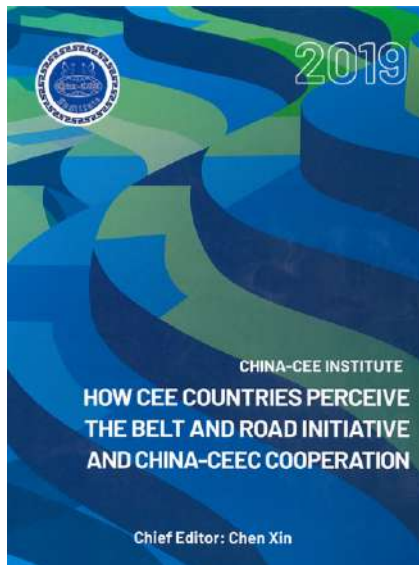
In Spring 2019, the China-CEE Institute and the Hungarian Institute of Foreign Affairs and Trade (IFAT) jointly launched a Call for Paper program on the 70 years bilateral relations between China and Hungary, which attracted tremendous attention from the academia and thinks tanks from both countries. After the process of selecting papers, the China-CEE Institute and the IFAT co-organized a conference on 23 September 2019. This book is the very output of the Call for Paper and the conference. The book is composed of two parts. The first part gives an insight into various aspects of economic cooperation and economic relations between China and Hungary, including experience of economic reform of the two countries, economic and trade cooperation under the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative and so forth. The second part deals with bilateral relations at social levels, including mutual cooperation on higher education and research fields, mutual perception, etc. The views in the book are represented by the individual authors rather than the China-CEE Institute and the Hungarian Institute of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

BOOKS



The book series deals with the annual country analysis report published by the China-CEE Institute. By the end of 2018, countries covered in this book series increased to 14 from 8 countries of the first annual country analysis report. The China-CEE Institute has included Greece in its country-study research since 2018, and Greece officially joined China-CEEC Cooperation Framework in April 2019. The book series reviews the major developments of the countries concerned in 2017 and 2018 from four aspects: domestic politics, economic situation, social development and foreign relations, and looks forward to the development trend in 2018 and 2019. All reports were written by scholars from Central and Eastern European countries. All reports are original and provide excellent insights into the development of Central and Eastern European countries. The English version of the reports has been uploaded on the website of the China-CEE Institute. Due to space limitation, the 2018 annual report of the book series is published in two volumes. While the first volume covers the 2018 review of Central and Eastern European countries, the second volume focuses on the 2019 outlook.

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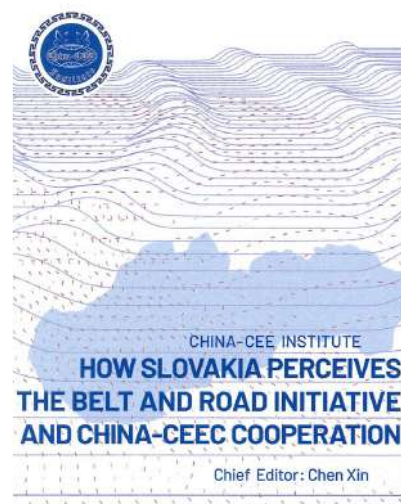
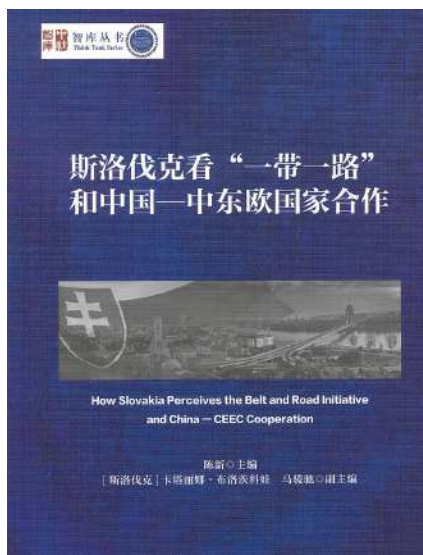
This book is a collection of selected papers based upon a Call for Paper program by the China-CEE Institute. The covered topics include the Belt and Road Initiative, China-CEEC Cooperation, and China’s bilateral relations with these countries. From the perspective of partner country, this book provides the original research results on the study of the Belt and Road Initiative. In 2011, the economic and trade ministers from China and 16 Central and Eastern European countries had a gathering in Budapest. The representatives from the CEE countries showed a good desire to further develop relations with China. In 2012, Chinese leaders and its counterparts from CEE countries met in Warsaw, and the curtain of cooperation between China and CEE countries was officially opened. In 2013, the “Silk Road Economic Belt” and the “Maritime Silk Road” were proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping in Kazakhstan and Indonesia respectively. Since then, the term “One Belt, One Road” becomes familiar to the public. At present, all 17 countries in the China-Central and Eastern Europe Cooperation framework have signed the Memorandum of Understanding on the “Belt and Road Initiative” cooperation with China. It is the only regional cooperation platform initiated by China, which covers all the cooperation fields of the “Belt and Road Initiative”.

BOOKS



Serbia is a major country in China’s “Belt and Road Initiative”. In 2015, the two sides signed the Memorandum of Understanding on jointly promoting the construction of the “Belt and Road Initiative”. In recent years, China and Serbia had frequent high-level exchanges and visits, and the bilateral economic and trade exchanges are also constantly expanding. Meanwhile, Serbia is also the first country in Europe to offer visa-free treatment to Chinese citizens who hold ordinary passports, which facilitates the exchange of personnel between the two countries and demonstrates a good example for countries in the region to implement similar visa-free treatment. This book is a cooperation result between the China-CEE Institute in Budapest and the institute of International Politics and Economics in Belgrade. The covered topics include the BRI, China-CEEC Cooperation and China’s bilateral relations with Serbia. Additionally, the book also includes a speech by the first Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia Ivica Dačić. The views represent the individual authors and do not represent the China-CEE Institute and the Institute of International Politics and Economics.

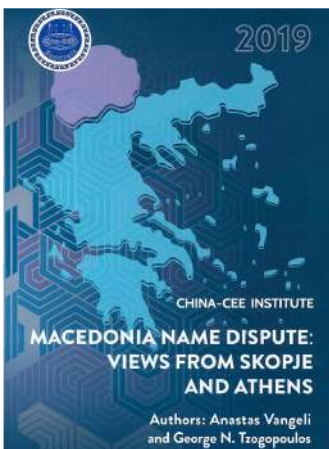
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In November 2015, Slovakia government signed the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation within the Framework of the Belt and Road Initiative with China. In April 2017, Slovakia government published a document named Conception of Development of Economic Relationship between Slovakia and China, which is a strategic response toward the China's BRI initiative. In the framework of the China-CEEC Cooperation, Slovakia initiated the "China-CEEC Technology Transfer Center", which is the only China's technology transfer platform for CEE countries in promoting the cooperation of technology transfer between China and CEE countries.

In 2019, Slovakia and China are celebrating the 70th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between the two countries. The China-CEE Institute in cooperation with Bratislava University of Economics published this book with an aim of having a better understanding on Slovakian views on China's Belt and Road Initiative and China-CEEC Cooperation, exploring the potential of economic and trade cooperation between China and Slovakia, and promoting the bilateral relations. The views represent the individual authors and do not represent the China-CEE Institute.

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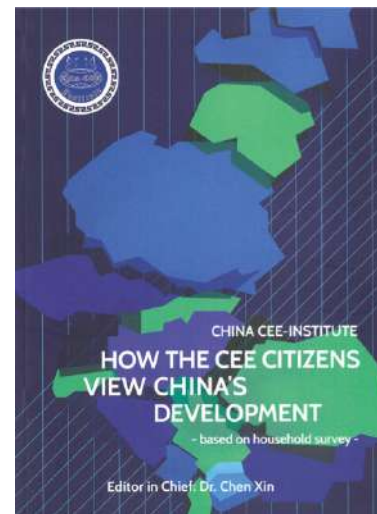
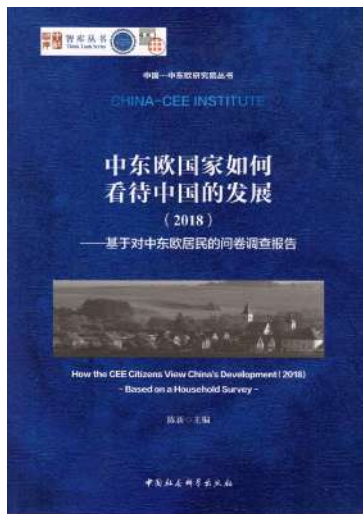
The name dispute between the Former Yugoslav Republic (FYR) Macedonia and Greece came to an end in Spring 2019, and North Macedonia becomes the official name for FYR Macedonia. The weekly briefings published by the China-CEE Institute have been paying attention to the development of the name dispute between the FYR Macedonia and Greece. This book includes all these reports and structures the issues according to the timeline, presenting a whole picture on the development of the name dispute. The book is composed of two parts: one part is about the views from Skopje written by Anastas Vangeli, and the other is about views from Athens written by George N. Tzogopoulos. The opinions represent the authors and do not represent the China-CEE Institute.



In the Belt and Road International Forum in May 2017, Chinese President Xi Jinping announced that China would plan to hold China International Import Expo (CIIE) from 2018. Thus, the first China International Import Expo was successfully held in Shanghai in November 2018. The CIIE is not only a trade fair, but also an important action and policy declaration on the active market openness. It is an important instrument for China to support the trade liberalization as well as to open the market to the world economy.

Meanwhile, it is a new platform to enter the Chinese market. During the first CIIE, more than 3600 enterprises from 172 countries, regions and international organizations participated in the expo. Over 400,000 buyers from China and abroad visited the expo with total deal of 57.8 billion USD. Together with 12 countries as Guest Countries of Honour, another 55 countries presented their Country Pavilion. 15 European countries had their Country Pavilion. Therefore, this book is designed to focus on CEE countries and their activities in the 2018 CIIE. We invited our associate researchers from CEE countries to analyse their business delegation to the expo and media coverage in their own countries. The views in the book are represented by the individual authors rather than the China-CEE Institute.

SURVEYS



This report is the result of the 2018 poll. In the fall of 2018, the China-CEE Institute launched a second polling project, expanding the coverage of the survey from 16 countries to 18 countries, not only covering the 16 countries of Central and Eastern Europe, but also including Greece and Belarus. Similarly, through the bidding method, in cooperation with professional polling agencies, the same sampling method is used, with 1000 questionnaires in each country, and a total of 18,000 questionnaires. In addition to analyzing the views of the public in 2018, it also has a comparison with the results of the 2017 poll. In the fall of 2017, the China-CEE Institute launched its first polling project, which conducted an extensive survey on how the people of 16 countries in Central and Eastern Europe viewed China's development. By conducting annual polling project, the China-CEE Institute plans to gradually accumulate a database and observe changes in the perceptions on China's development in Central and Eastern European countries.

International Conferences

Bilateral Relations in the Changing World - 70 years of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relationship between China and Central and Eastern European Countries



Venue: The House of Wisdom, Úri u. 21, 1014 Budapest

Date: 6th September

The conference entitled by “Bilateral relations in the Changing world - 70 years of the establishment of diplomatic relationship between China and some Central and Eastern European Countries” was successfully held in Budapest on 6th, September 2019, co-organized by China-CEE Institute and Pallas Athene Innovation and Geopolitical Foundation. This year 2019 marks the 70th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between China and some Central and Eastern European Countries. This conference is to celebrate the partnership and discuss the history, current, and future of relations between China and some Eastern European Countries, thereby further promoting understanding and exchanging views on the relationship between China and some CEE countries, in terms of bilateral level and multi-level. H.E. Duan Jielong, People’s Republic of China to Hungary, delivered the keynote speech. Prof. Chen Xin, Executive president of the China-CEE Institute and Deputy Director-General of the European Institute of CASS, and Mr. Csizmadia Norbert, the President of Board, Pallas Athene Innovation and Geopolitical Foundation, addressed opening remarks in the conference. The China-CEE Institute had received around 40 abstracts, based on the Call for Paper in 2019. After the two-round reviewing process, some of the qualified papers will be published in the format of Working Paper by the China-CEE Institute.

International Conferences



International Conferences

How Slovakia Perceives the Belt and Road Initiative and China-CEEC Cooperation



Venue: University of Economics in Bratislava, Dolnozemska cesta 1, 852 35 Petržalka

Date: 9th September

On September 9, 2019, on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Slovakia, the China-CEE Institute and the University of Economics in Bratislava jointly hosted a conference titled by “How Slovakia Perceives the Belt and Road Initiative and China-CEEC Cooperation”. Scholars from China and Slovakia conducted in-depth discussions on issues such as Sino-Slovakia relations, China-CEEC Cooperation and so on. Prof. Chen Xin, Deputy Director-General of the Institute of European Studies in Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and Executive President of the China-CEE Institute, and Prof. Boris Mattoš, Vice-Rector of the University of Economics in Bratislava, delivered the opening remarks. Mr. Lin Lin, the Chinese Ambassador to Slovakia and Ms. Denisa Žiláková, the Director General for Central Coordination Body, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak for Investments and Informatization, made keynote speeches. The conference consists of three seminars, about China and 17+1 cooperation, trade and investment between China and Slovakia, and people-to-people exchanges. Representatives from Slovakia Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, the University of Economics in Bratislava, the Institute of European Studies in CASS, the Institute of World Economics and Politics in CASS, the Institute of Russian, East European & Central Asian Studies in CASS and Sichuan University attended the meeting. Before the conference, Prof. Boris Mattoš, Vice-Rector of the University of Economics in Bratislava met with the Chinese delegation and exchanged views on the cooperation between the two sides.

International Conferences



International Conferences

China and Hungary: 70 Years of Diplomatic Relations



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China and Hungary:
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23 September 2019

Venue: Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade,
Bérc Street 13-15, 1016 Budapest

Date: 23rd September

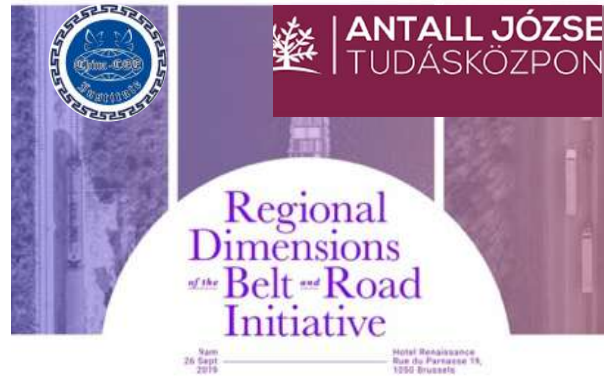
On the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Hungary, China-CEE Institute and the Hungarian Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade (IFAT) jointly organized an academic conference "China and Hungary: 70 years of diplomatic relations" in Budapest, Hungary. Scholars from China and Hungary have conducted in-depth discussions on topics such as Sino-Hungarian political relations, economic relations, and people-to-people exchanges over the past 70 years. Prof. Chen Xin, Deputy Director-General of the Institute of European Studies in Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and Executive President of the China-CEE Institute, and Mr. Márton Ugródsy, the Director of the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade, delivered the opening remarks. Mr. Liu Bo, the Political Counselor of the Chinese Embassy in Hungary, and Ms. Cecília Szilas, the Chief Adviser of the Hungarian Prime Minister, delivered keynote speeches. The conference is divided into three panels: Increasing importance of economic ties, development policies and perceptions, and Cultural dimension of Sino-Hungarian relations. Around 100 representatives from various embassies and consulates in Hungary, the Hungarian University of Applied Economics, the Kopint-Tárki Institute for Economic Research Co., the Pallas Athéné Geopolitical Institute, the Corvinus University, the Institute of European Studies in CASS and the Institute of Russian, East European & Central Asian Studies in CASS participated in this conference.

International Conferences



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Regional Dimensions of the Belt and Road Initiative



Venue: Hotel Renaissance, Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels

Date: 26th September

The conference entitled by “Regional Dimensions of the Belt and Road Initiative” was successfully held in Brussels on 26th September 2019, which was co-organized by China-CEE Institute and Antall József Knowledge Centre. Mrs. Veronika Antall-Horváth, Deputy Director of Antall József Knowledge Centre and Prof. Chen Xin, Executive president of the China-CEE Institute and Deputy Director-General of the European Institute of CASS addressed opening remarks. There are two panels in the conference: the first panel is on East Asian perceptions of the BRI and the second panel is on European Approach towards the BRI. Researchers from Belgium, Poland, Hungary, and China joined in the discussion. There are around 50 representatives in total attending the conference and they are from the European Parliament, the European Union External Action Service, European Economic and Social Committee, the Asian countries mission to the European Union, the Permanent Representation of CEE countries to the European Union, as well as the scholars from Egmont–Royal Institute for International Relations, the European Institute for Asian Studies, College of Europe, University of Ghent and other institutions. In the afternoon session, China-CEE Institute and Antall József Knowledge Centre presented their own papers and discussed the plan for publication.

International Conferences



Annual Meeting of International Academic Committee

2019 Annual Meeting of International Academic Committee of China-CEE Institute



Venue: Institute of European Studies, CASS, Jianguomennei Street 5, 100732 Beijing

Date: 18 December 2019

Annual Meeting of International Academic Committee of China-CEE Institute was held successfully on 18 December 2019 in Beijing. Five members of International Academic Committee of China-CEE Institute, including Huang Ping, the former director general of Institute of European Studies of CASS, Chen Xin, Executive President and Managing Director, China-CEE Institute, Deputy Director-General, Institute of European Studies, CASS, Bogdan Góralczyk, Director of the Centre for Europe at the University of Warsaw, Gheorghe Zaman, Correspondent member of Romanian Academy, Director of the Institute of National Economy and Marek Hrubec, Director and Senior Research Fellow of the Centre of Global Studies, Czech Academy of Sciences attended the meeting. In addition to this, Márton Ugródsy, Director of The Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, László Vasa, researcher of The Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, Viktória Anna Papp, International Relations Manager, Antall József Knowledge Centre also participated in the meeting. Chen Xin made a presentation about the work of China-CEE Institute in 2019 and asked for suggestions about the 2020 work plan. Participants discussed the working plan of next year and look forward to the continuous growth of the China-CEE Institute.

Workshops

Preventing Financial Risks: Chinese and European Perspectives



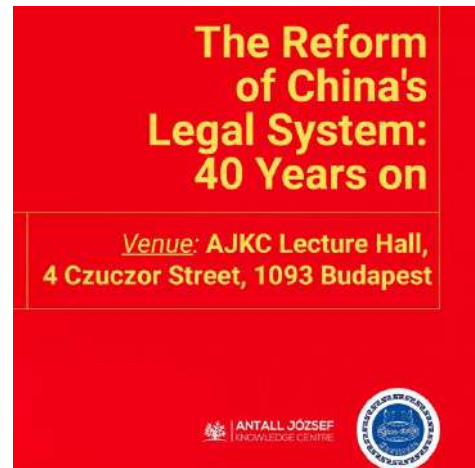
Venue: Central Bank of Hungary, Szabadság tér 9, 1054 Budapest

Date: 24th September

Mr. Dániel Palotai, Chief Economist of the Central Bank of Hungary (MNB), and Prof. Chen Xin, Executive president of the China-CEE Institute and Deputy Director-General of the European Institute in Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), addressed opening remarks in the workshop. Representatives from Institute of World Economy and Politics of CASS, Institute of Finance and Banking of CASS, National Bank of Poland (NBP), National Bank of Slovakia (NBS), Czech National Bank (CNB) attended the workshop and gave speeches. The workshop consists of two panels, about Financial Stability and Challenge of Fintech and Risks in Banking Industry and Housing Market. Panelists discussed financial challenges in Europe and China and shared the experience of government as well.

Workshops

The Reform of China's Legal System : 40 Years on



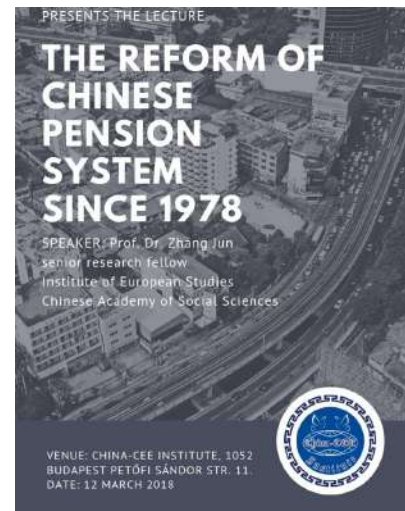
Venue: Antall József Knowledge Centre, Czuczor street 2, 1093 Budapest

Date: 27th May

Experts from the Institute of International Law of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences presented how the forty years of reform and opening-up have transformed China's legal system, including legal development since reform in China, China's opening-up and the development of its foreign investment law, the development of China's national security review system, development and legal challenges of internet platform hiring in China, BIR goes hand in hand with EU strategy for connecting Europe and Asia –cooperation based on the rules. Experts exchanged extensively with scholars and students from universities and research institutes in Budapest. Professor Mo Jihong, Director General of Institute of International Law expressed gratitude to China-CEE Institute and expected future cooperation. Prof. Liao Fan, Prof. Jiang Xiaohong, Prof. Huang Jin and Prof. Wang Tianyu also visited China-CEE Institute.

Lecture Series

The Reform of Chinese Pension System since 1978



Venue: China-CEE Institute, Petőfi Sándor street 11, 1052 Budapest

Date: 12th March

Speaker: Prof. Zhang Jun, the Institute of European Studies, CASS

Prof. Zhang Jun presented the lecture titled “The Reform of Chinese Pension System since 1978”. China’s social pension reform has been taken place in a period of rapid economic and social transformation. There are three main transitions: firstly, from rural to industrial society; secondly, from planned to market economy; thirdly, from policy to legal provision. The measures in social pension reform were an integral part of the economic reform, serving the aim of addressing the new social risks caused by reform and facilitating the proposed reform. Moreover, a gradual and prudent approach has been taken in the process of reform, which means crossing the river while groping for stepping stones. Firstly, it addressed the major challenges at different phases of the overall economic reform. Secondly, various pilot programs were launched at a local level before adopting a nation-wide policy initiative.

Lecture Series

Poland on the Route of the Belt and Road Initiative



Venue: China-CEE Institute, Petőfi Sándor street 11, 1052 Budapest

Date: 29th April

Speaker: prof. Bogdan Góralczyk, the Centre for Europe at the University of Warsaw

The topic of Prof. Bogdan Góralczyk's presentation is "Poland on the Route of the Belt and Road Initiative". Starting with the development of China–Poland relations, Prof. Bogdan Góralczyk emphasized several milestones of the bilateral relations in the past years, and summarized the great achievements of China-Poland cooperation since the BRI was proposed and implemented. At the same time, Prof. Bogdan Góralczyk pointed out there are some problems and challenges in future China –Poland cooperation under the BRI framework, such as mutual lack of knowledge, different business mentality and new uncertainties on the international arena, etc.

Lecture Series

China-EU Relationship in New Era



Venue: China-CEE Institute, Petőfi Sándor street 11, 1052 Budapest

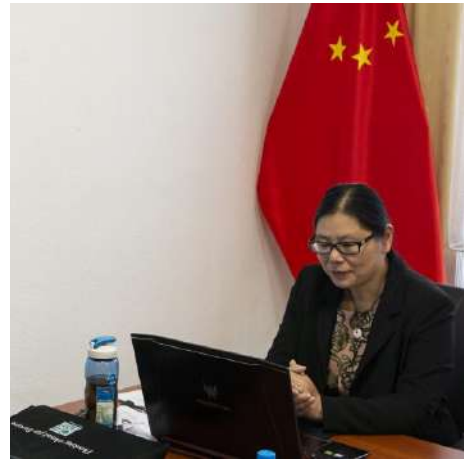
Date: 8th July

Speaker: Prof. Zhao Chen, the Institute of European Studies, CASS

Prof. Zhao Chen presented the lecture titled “China-EU Relationship in New Era”, and had an intensive discussion with researchers and students from University and research institutes in Budapest. There are three new characters in the New Era, specifically, the co-existence of Interdependence and Geopolitics, Internationalism and Sovereignty, Globalism and Nationalism. Under these circumstances, both China and the EU have their own perspectives on China-EU relationship who share some common strategic interests and opinions each other. While the competition has also become a key word for the current China-EU Relationship and will be in the future.

Lecture Series

The New Trends and Developments of China- EU Scientific and Technological Innovation Cooperation



Venue: China-CEE Institute, Petőfi Sándor street 11, 1052 Budapest

Date: 3rd October

Speaker: Prof. Zhang Min, the Institute of European Studies, CASS

The lecture includes four parts. In the first part, Prof. Zhang talked about China's scientific innovative policy and compared the innovation performance between China and other countries in the world. The second part is mainly about the historical development, the administrative model, the achievement and the new opportunities of the scientific and technological innovation cooperation between China and Europe. In the last two parts, Prof. Zhang analyzed the scientific and technological cooperation between China and two European countries—Britain and Switzerland. Strengthening cooperation in scientific and technological innovation between European countries and different member countries will help China catch up with the latest frontier of world scientific and technological development, accelerate the upgrading of scientific and technological innovation capacity and provide theoretical and practical guidance for the construction of innovative power. Therefore, in the medium and near future, we should learn from the experience of China-EU scientific and technological innovation cooperation to provide theoretical and practical support for the construction of a modern economic system and realize the strategic goal of China's innovative country.

Lecture Series

Is China Reshaping South Asia by the Belt and Road Initiatives



Venue: China-CEE Institute, Petőfi Sándor street 11, 1052 Budapest

Date: 14th October

Speaker: Prof. Lin Minwang, the Institute of International Studies at Fudan University

Professor LIN Minwang delivered a lecture titled “Is China Reshaping South Asia by the BRI?” in China-CEE Institute. The lecture is hosted by Dr. LI Gang, Research Fellow in China-CEE Institute and Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). The attendants come from CASS in Beijing, the universities and research institutions in Budapest. After the lecture, Prof. Lin answered the questions and had an intensive discussion with the attendants. In the lecture, Prof. Lin illustrated the background of China’s proposing the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) under the framework of China’s New Diplomacy. Besides BRI, he also mentioned and talked about the other initiatives of China’s New Diplomacy such as the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), Afghanistan Peace Talk, Middle East, and so on. As for the questions “what is New in China’s diplomacy?”. Prof. Lin listed three points. Firstly, China has begun bold attempts to provide regional public goods as a responsible power instead of a free rider. Secondly, China reshapes its neighboring environment, not just adapt to it. Thirdly, China pursues a pattern of common interests and collaboration throughout the international community. In the last part of the lecture, Prof. Lin talked about the impacts of the BRI on South Asia.

Lecture Series

Changing International Order and China-CEE Relationship



Venue: China-CEE Institute, Petőfi Sándor street 11, 1052 Budapest

Date: 28th October

Speaker: Prof. Kong Tianping, the Institute of European Studies, CASS

Professor KONG Tianping delivered a lecture themed “Changing International Order and China-CEE Relationship” at the China-CEE Institute. The lecture was hosted by Dr. LI Gang from China-CEE Institute and Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). The attendants come from the universities and research institutions in Budapest. After the lecture, Prof. Kong answered the questions and had an intensive discussion with the attendants. The lecture includes three parts. In the first part, Prof. Kong mainly talked about the history and evolution of the relation between China and CEE countries. The second part offers an insight into the changing international order. Prof. Kong said, “In the last three decades, we have witnessed historic events of milestone that had tremendous impacts on the evolution of world order.” In the last part, Prof. Kong emphasized the importance of the relations between China and CEE countries. Despite CEEC are under influence of different players, China perceives CEEC as important partners for pragmatic cooperation.

Book Launch

Cai Fang: Perceiving Truth and Ceasing Doubts: What Can We Learn from 40 Years of China's Reform and Opening up?



Venue: Antall József Knowledge Centre, Czoczor street 2, 1093 Budapest

Date: 29 October

Book launch and roundtable discussion of Fang Cai: Perceiving Truth and Ceasing Doubts: What Can We Learn from 40 Years of China's Reform and Opening up? (Hungarian edition) was successfully held in Budapest on 29 October 2019. The book launch was co-organized by the Antall József Knowledge Centre, the China-CEE Institute and the Institute of European Studies at Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). The book is written by Fang Cai, Vice President of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, famous economist, chairman of International Academic Committee of China-CEE Institute. The author provides a comprehensive description of China's successful development path by citing a host of facts and economic data, and explains how China's opening-up policy was able to boost the high-speed growth of the country's economy in the past 40 years. The book was published in Hungarian by the Publishing Office of the Antall József Knowledge Centre (AJKC) in October 2019.

Book Launch

70 Years' Bilateral Relations in the Changing World: China and Hungary



Venue: Institute of European Studies, CASS, Jianguomennei street 5, 100732 Beijing

Date: 18 December 2019

Book Launch “70 Years’ Bilateral Relations in the Changing World: China and Hungary” was successfully held in Beijing on 18 December. Olivér Joubert, First Counsellor and Deputy Head of the Embassy of Hungary in Beijing, Chen Xin, Executive President and Managing Director of China-CEE Institute, Deputy Director-General of Institute of European Studies of CASS, Márton Ugrósy, Director of the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, Guo Xiaojing, Deputy Director, Hungarian Research Center of Beijing Foreign Studies University, Viktória Anna Papp, International Relations Manager of Antall József Knowledge Centre attended the book launch and gave speeches. The book was jointly published by China-CEE Institute and the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary with the support of the Embassy of Hungary in Beijing and Hungarian Research Center of Beijing Foreign Studies University. In celebration of the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Hungary, the book was published in Chinese, Hungarian and English. Mr. Chen Xin and Mr. Olivér Joubert took the opportunity to express their gratitude to all the sides for their contribution to this book.

ONLINE PLATFORMS

China-CEE Institute online activity is mostly focused on the website. The website is being updated regularly with News, Events, Publications. There are built-in search engine with user specified parameters such as Country, Theme, Author. We upload the latest information not only the website but the social platforms. We use the following networks: Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. We post news, events, publications on these channels on a daily basis. The Institute's online mediums help us to reach more and more people interested in our mission. Our most frequent posts are the daily Weekly Briefings posts with 4 categories and 17 Countries. Followers can easily read, download and share our content, help to spread all over the Internet.



WeChat is one of the most popular social networking applications in China. It has multiple functions, including public platform, notification, sharing different types of contents, etc. The China-CEE Institute WeChat public platform (“中国-中东欧研究院”) aims to timely and effectively share with readers the research results, weekly briefings and academic activities. WeChat is also one of the most important approaches to spreading information to domestic public and reaching Chinese researchers and scholars.



LinkedIn is a business and employment-oriented service that operates via websites and mobile apps, and it is mainly used for professional networking. China-CEE runs an official page and aiming to grow professionally with scientific contents and constant activity on the page. For the institute, it is very important to keep in touch with researchers and this social platform is perfect for this type of interactive online communication. The reason is that researchers and other science fellows stand out from the active social crowd with their articles and a special field of interest.



Facebook and Twitter are also very important sites because of the visual communication part. The institute organizes lectures, conferences, and workshops, and these events usually have been illustrated with photos. The followers are able to read and share our posts helping us to reach more and more researchers. On Facebook, we can share more visual content, on Twitter we concentrate on brief and targeted communication.

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