

## Einladung zum Kolloquium

### **The China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and Gilgit-Baltistan**

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The “Belt and Road Initiative”, i.e. the rebuilding of the Silk Road, is a Chinese endeavor to enhance connectivity for the flow of goods and people. For this, China is funding infrastructures, resources development, and industrial and financial cooperation in Asian countries. But how does this work out in the neighboring countries? This lecture will examine the direct and indirect effects of Chinese economic investments in Pakistan. A special focus will be put on the effects on Gilgit-Baltistan, a “quasi-province” of Pakistan, which in the context of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is also called “the gateway” to Pakistan and its deep-sea port at Gwadar. While the Belt and Road Initiative is meant to enhance transnational connections and communications, it starts with investments that largely tackle infrastructures. Nonetheless, these also bring about multiplier effects, such as changes in tourism, trade, local living standards and livelihoods, but also in local environmental concerns and legislations.