

NORWEGIAN RISK FORUM 2018
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OSLO

The New Silk Road

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Geopolitical Risks, Infrastructure Developments and Business Opportunities

Thursday 18th of October at Grand Hotel:

Part 1: Welcome and Introductory Remarks

07.30 - Arrival & Registration at Grand Hotel

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Arne Elias Corneliussen, Founder and Director of Geopolitical Analysis, NRCI

Part 2: Infrastructure Developments, Logistical Clusters and Risk Outlook – The New Silk Road

08.30 - The New Silk Road: Overland Expedition from Shanghai to Istanbul - Geopolitics, Infrastructure and Logistics
Arne Elias Corneliussen, Founder and Director of Geopolitical Analysis, NRCI

09.00 - Coffee & Networking Break

09.30 - Maritime Strategy in the One Belt One Road: Ports, Port Terminals and Shipping Developments

Gess Wong, Manager - Operation Management and Information Management, Cosco Shipping Ports, Hong Kong

10.00 - Khorgos: Logistics Clusters and Infrastructure Projects Connecting China with Central Asia and Europe

Hicham Belmaachi, Chief Operating Officer, SEZ Khorgos Eastern Gate, Khorgos

10.30 - Panel Discussion: One Belt One Road: Infrastructure Developments, Logistics Clusters and Maritime Strategy

Moderator: Arne Elias Corneliussen, Founder and Director of Geopolitical Analysis, NRCI

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Gess Wong, Manager - Operation Management and Information Management, Cosco Shipping Ports, Hong Kong

11.30 - Lunch at Palmen Restaurant, Grand Hotel

Part 3: Geopolitical Risks and Risk Outlook across Central Asia, the Middle East and the Caucasus

13.00 - Political Dynamics and Risk Outlook - Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan

Ole Johan Bjørnøy, Ambassador to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan

13.30 - Turkey's Political Dynamics and Presidential Election - Implications and Risk Outlook

Joakim Parslow, Associate Professor of Middle East Studies, University of Oslo

14.00 - Political Risks and Risk Outlook in the Middle East

Sverre Lodgaard, Senior Research Fellow, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)

14.30 - Coffee & Networking Break

15.00 - Caucasus: A Trade Corridor between Asia and Europe - Dynamics and Risks in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia

Sebastian Minkner, Founder and CEO, Minkner Consulting, Tbilisi

15.30 - Panel Discussion: Geopolitical Dynamics and Risk Outlook in Central Asia, Caucasus and the Middle East

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17.00 - End of Conference Session

17.30 - Mingling and Cocktail in Eight Bar, Grand Hotel

18.30 - Norwegian Risk Forum 2018 Dinner, Palmen Restaurant