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This year’s forum will try to identify the current trends in international Economic law in a changing international political and economic environment. Topics will include, without limitation, international government and the cooperation on rule of law under the Belt and Road Initiative, the trend of dispute settlement mechanisms and the development of international arbitration, the mechanism on legal cooperation for the Belt and Road Initiative, the legal safeguard for direct investment in the Belt and Road region. We are expecting to have around 60 participants from China and abroad. Working language of the forum is Chinese and English.

During the Forum, Fabio Marcelli, Research Director at the Institute for International Legal Studies of the Italian National Research Council, will present a paper on the topic "The Road and Belt Initiative: an occasion for expanding human rights?"