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Dr. Wuthnow testified to the Commission in November 2013 on "China and the Iran Nuclear Issue."

Questions for Panelist

1. To what extent do military or national security considerations drive BRI? Describe the ways in which the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) has been and likely will be involved in BRI projects, explicitly or tangentially?
2. In terms of national security, what does China stand to gain from BRI, and what risks does BRI present to China's national security?
3. One of the new military missions highlighted in China's recent defense papers is the ability for the PLA to protect Chinese economic interests and citizens abroad. Currently, how capable is the PLA of protecting existing BRI projects? What about 5 or 10 years from now?
4. How will BRI shape China's military modernization, and vice versa?
5. What are the practical implications of BRI for U.S. defense stakeholders? For example, how could BRI impact the requirements and missions of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Pacific Command? What opportunities and costs does BRI present for U.S. military interests?
6. The Commission is mandated to make policy recommendations to Congress based on its hearings and other research. What are your recommendations for Congressional action related to the topic of your testimony?