

## Book Review

# The Belt and Road Initiative: A Pathway Towards Inclusive Globalization

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*The Belt and Road Initiative: A Pathway Towards Inclusive Globalization*

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The book titled *Belt and Road Initiative- A Pathway towards Inclusive Globalization* - published in the Routledge China Perspective Book Series- contributes to put forward a Chinese perspective on complex and multidisciplinary issues needed to fully understand the term the Belt and Road Initiative (BIR) –the building of the Silk Road Economy Belt and the Maritime Silk Road- and its implications for economic development now and in the future, in a context of globalization.

The author of this book is Weidong Liu, a professor in Economic Geography at the Institute of Geographical Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences. His research interests focus, among others, in the Belt and Road Initiative of China, regional development and regional policy and foreign direct investment.

Through five information-rich chapters, the author deeply analyses key topics (business, connectivity, cultural exchanges routes, cross-border trade, economy, economic and social development, history, inclusive globalization, technology for transportation, etc.) to comprehend the emergence of the Belt and Road Initiative, its challenges and opportunities for inclusive globalization. And together with two appendices with Chinese media's interviews with the author on several topics about the Belt and Road Initiative and essays allows to build a global picture of this initiative.

The Weidong Liu highlights the importance of the term inclusive globalization and elaborates on this theme as well as openness and mutual learning in order to share the benefits of globalization and cooperation among the nations and regions involved in the Belt and Road Initiative.

This timely book will offer valuable knowledge and insights for a wide audience (academics, researchers, students (undergraduate and postgraduate), businessmen and policy makers) with interest in the field of business, economy, history and trade in Asia and in particular, in the Silk Route. Notoriously, the book contributes to fill a gap in the field of studies on BRI.

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