Institute of World Economics of the Center for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA KRTK VGI) and Centre for EU Enlargement Studies, Central European University cordially invite you to the conference

**Chinese investments and financial engagement in Visegrad countries**

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**27 November 2014 (Thursday), 9:00 – 14:00**

Central European University

Budapest, Nádor u. 9, Monument Building, Popper Room

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The conference will be held in English

Those wishing to attend are kindly requested to confirm by 23 November 2014 via email: *vgi.titkarsag@krtk.mta.hu*

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Programme

9:00  Opening remarks
Prof. Péter Balázs, director, Center for European Enlargement Studies, Central European University, Budapest

9:10  Chinese investments and financial engagement in Poland
Agnieszka McCaleb, MA, East Asian Center at the World Economy Research Institute, Warsaw School of Economics, Warsaw

9:30  Chinese investments and financial engagement in Hungary
Dr. Katalin Völgyi, research fellow, Institute of World Economics at the Centre for Economic and Regional Studies of HAS

9:50  Czech-Chinese Relations with a special focus on Chinese FDI
Dr. Rudolf Fürst, senior research fellow, Institute of International Relations, Prague

10:10 Chinese investments and financial presence in Slovakia and Slovak China-policy
Dr. Lucia Husinecová, director, Institute of Asian Studies at the Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs, Bratislava

10:30  Coffee break

11:00  China’s public diplomacy towards Visegrad countries: beyond economic influence?
Dr. Song Lilei, assistant director, Center of European Studies, School of Political Science & International Relations, Tongji University, Shanghai

11:20  Political relations between China and Visegrad countries: goals, results and prospects
Dr. Tamás Matura, head of Central European Center for Asian Studies; assistant professor, École Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales d’Angers, Budapest

11:40  Economic trends and patterns of Chinese investments in Visegrad countries
Dr. Ágnes Szunomár, research fellow, coordinator of the IVF research project, Institute of World Economics at the Centre for Economic and Regional Studies of HAS; deputy head of Central European Center for Asian Studies, Budapest

12:00  How can V4 countries benefit more from Chinese investments?
Prof. Guenter Heiduk, director, East Asian Center at the World Economy Research Institute, Warsaw School of Economics, Warsaw

12:20  Discussion

12:50  Lunch