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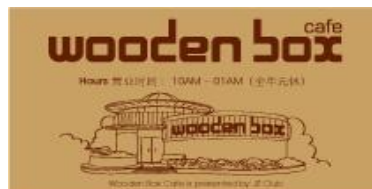
### *How New is the Silk Road Economic Belt?*

## Raffaello Pantucci

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Royal United Services Institute

Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014

19:15pm –20:30 pm



9 Qinghai Lu (just to the South of Nanjing West Road)  
青海路 9 号, 近南京西路, 地铁二号线南京西路站

19:00 – Doors Open  
19:15 – Lecture  
20:00 – Q&A  
20:30 – Mixer/Drinks/Dinner  
21:30 – Live music at the Wooden Box

Please RSVP to Frank Tsai of [Hopkins China Forum](http://Hopkins China Forum) by writing to [editor@shanghai-review.org](mailto:editor@shanghai-review.org).

During his visit to Kazakhstan last year, President Xi Jinping laid out his vision for the Silk Road Economic Belt. Since then, speculation has filled the void to try to explain what this means and what are the strategic underpinnings of the vision. The reality is that it builds on a long-term strategic approach that China has had towards Central Asia founded on theories like the March Westward and the policy of developing Xinjiang. Based on on-the-ground research conducted across Central Asia and China, Raffaello Pantucci will give a presentation on what the Silk Road Economic Belt means and how China is reshaping the geopolitical landscape in Central Asia.

[Raffaello Pantucci](#) is Senior Research Fellow at the [Royal United Services Institute \(RUSI\)](#), a London based think tank where he looks at, among other things, China's relations with the West. His work has been featured in publications like the International Herald Tribune and the Financial Times. He is co-editor of [China In Central Asia](#) and is completing a manuscript on China's relations with Central Asia. He is co-founder of [Young China Watchers](#) and one of the heads of the London chapter.

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