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The Harvard Club of Shanghai

cordially invite you to:

China's Private Army: Protecting the New Silk Road

Alessandro Arduino

Co-Director of Security and Crisis Management
Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences

Saturday, January 20th, 2018

16:15pm – 17:30pm

café sambal authentic malaysian
cuisine & bar

259 Jiashan Lu, Jiashan Market, Block A, No 37, near Jianguo Xi Lu
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Admission: 100RMB / one drink

16:00 – Doors Open
16:15 – Lecture
17:00 – Q&A
17:30 – Mixer/Dinner

Please RSVP to Frank Tsai of China Crossroads at editor@shanghai-review.org.

Chinese investment in a number of energy and infrastructure projects under its flagship Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has resulted in the flow of billions of dollars and thousands of Chinese workers into South Central Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. The need to secure its people and property in environments often fraught with terrorism and separatism has given rise to a new phenomenon: “private security companies with Chinese characteristics.” In tonight’s talk, author and scholar Alessandro Arduino will discuss the insights he includes in his new book, [China's Private Army: Protecting the New Silk Road](#).

[Alessandro Arduino](#) is Co-Director of the Security & Crisis Management program at the Shanghai Academy of Social Science (SASS-UNITO) and external affiliate at the Lau China Institute, King’s College London. His two decades of experience in China encompasses security analysis and crisis management, and his main research interests include private military security corporations, China’s political economy, Sino-Central Asia relations, sovereign wealth funds, China’s security and foreign policy. Alessandro is the author of several books, has published papers and commentaries in various journals in Italian, English, and Chinese, and has just recently published his new book, [China's Private Army: Protecting the New Silk Road](#) (2017). Finally, he has been appointed Knight of the Order of the Italian Star by the President of the Italian Republic.

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