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## China-Serbia Relations: Test Case for China's Growing Geopolitical Influence in Europe and Beyond?

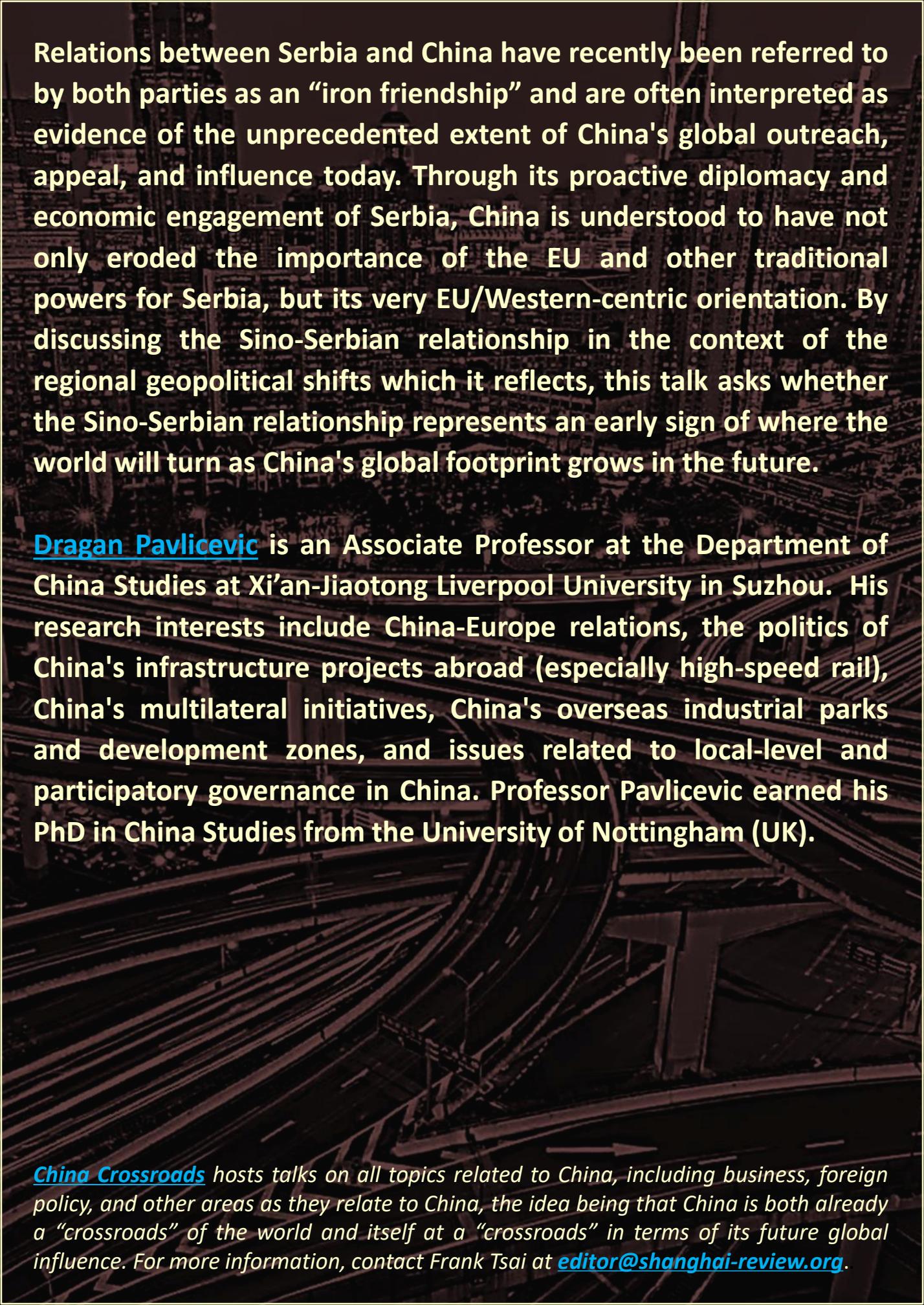
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Relations between Serbia and China have recently been referred to by both parties as an “iron friendship” and are often interpreted as evidence of the unprecedented extent of China's global outreach, appeal, and influence today. Through its proactive diplomacy and economic engagement of Serbia, China is understood to have not only eroded the importance of the EU and other traditional powers for Serbia, but its very EU/Western-centric orientation. By discussing the Sino-Serbian relationship in the context of the regional geopolitical shifts which it reflects, this talk asks whether the Sino-Serbian relationship represents an early sign of where the world will turn as China's global footprint grows in the future.

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