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China's Approach to the Middle East: Continuity and Change

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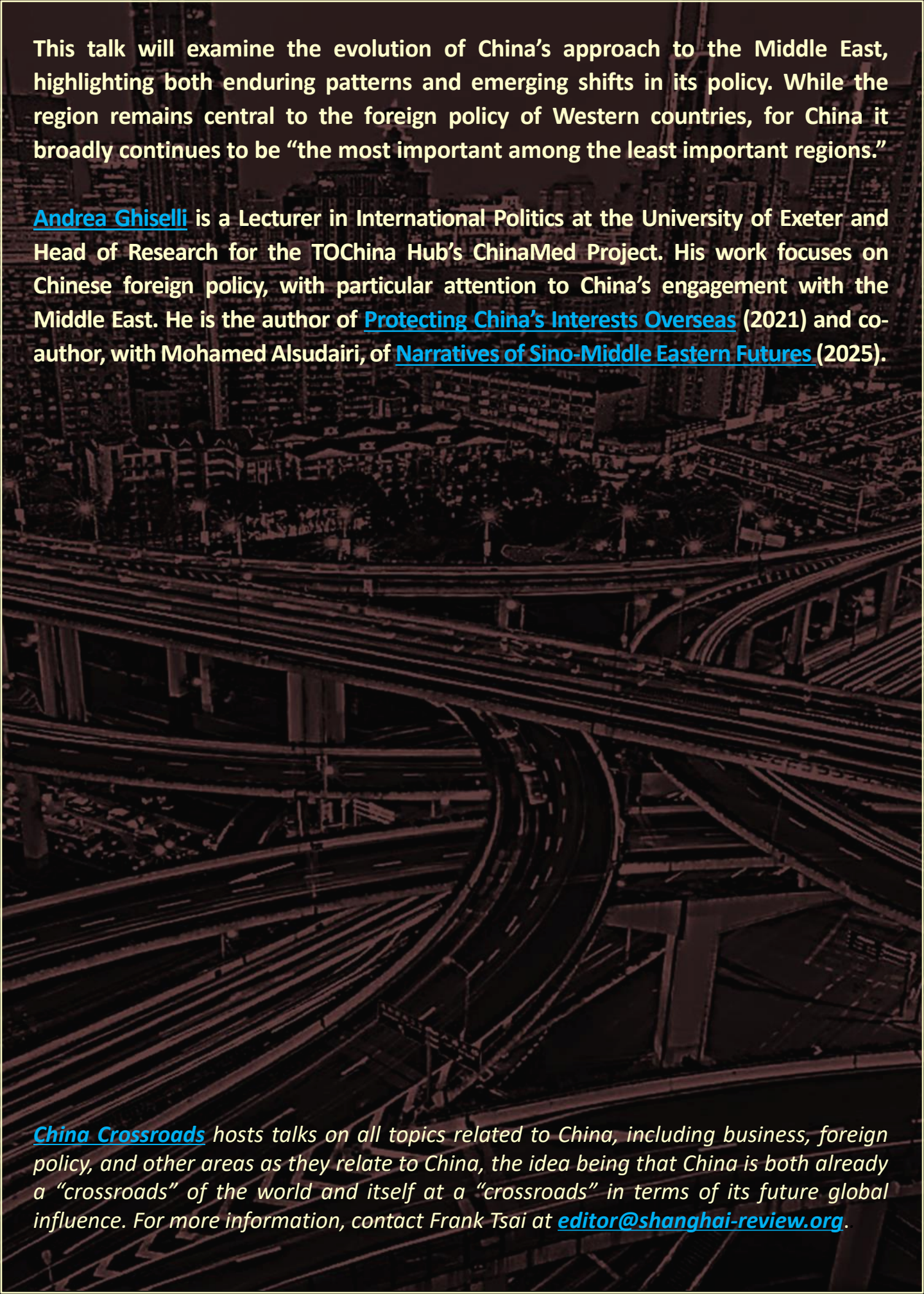


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This talk will examine the evolution of China's approach to the Middle East, highlighting both enduring patterns and emerging shifts in its policy. While the region remains central to the foreign policy of Western countries, for China it broadly continues to be "the most important among the least important regions."

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