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INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE AND RECONFIGURATIONS
OF CHINA’S POLITICAL ECONOMY

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Yuan Li is Professor at Mercator School of Management and IN-EAST, University of Duisburg-Essen. His main research focus are institutional economics, political economy, and Chinese Economy. He has served as the President of the Chinese Economic Association (Europe/UK), and is an editorial board member of Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies. He was the winner of the best dissertation award by the International Society for New Institutional Economics (ISNIE). He has helped to set up the International Forum on the “New Silk Road” and Sino-European Cooperation in Duisburg. He has held various visiting positions at University of California, San Diego, University of Milan-Bicocca, and Fudan University, Shanghai. He has held honorary positions of “Zijin” Scholar at Nanjing University of Science and Technology, invited expert of the “Research Centre on the Belt and Road” at Jilin University, and invited expert of the “Investment and Trade Research Laboratory of the Belt and Road” at the Chongqing Academy of Social Sciences. He contributes extensively to public debates on issues related to East Asia, reflected in his news media interviews and invited talks. He got his PhD in Economics from DEFAP, Catholic University of Milan, was a Postdoctoral Fellow at University of Duisburg-Essen, and Assistant Professor at Stockholm School of Economics.

Nele Noesselt holds the Chair for Political Science with a special focus on China / East Asia at the University of Duisburg-Essen. Since 2017, she is the speaker of the recently opened Graduate School on Transnational East Asian Studies. In 2018, she got appointed to the international advisory board of the book series Bristol Studies in East Asian International Relations (Bristol University Press). Her research focuses on governance issues in China as well as China’s role in world affairs. Before joining the University of Duisburg-Essen, she worked as post-doc research fellow at the GIGA Institute of Asian Studies, where she also acted as speaker of the GIGA research team on Comparative Regionalism Studies.

Markus Taube holds the Chair for East Asian Economic Studies / China as a faculty member of the Mercator School of Management. He is the Director of the IN-EAST School of Advanced Studies at the University of Duisburg-Essen as well as Co-Director of the Confucius Institute Metropolis Ruhr. Furthermore, Markus Taube holds various advisory board positions and acts as President of the Euro-Asia Management Studies Association (EAMSA).

Markus Taube has been appointed to Visiting Professor positions at Nankai University, Tianjin, PR China, (2014–2017 “1000 Plan”), Ca’Foscari University, Venice, Italy (2015–2016), Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, PR China (2017–2020), as well as Jilin University, Changchun, PR China (2017–2022). Markus Taube started his academic career studying sinology and economics at the universities of Trier and Wuhan (PR China) and received his doctorate at the Ruhr University Bochum. With his dissertation he became the Walter Eucken Prize laureate of 1998. Before joining the University of Duisburg-Essen he worked at the ifo Institute for Economic Research, Munich. He is a founding partner of THINK!DESK China Research & Consulting.
Dear Conference Participants,

It is our great honor to welcome you to our conference rememorizing and evaluating the “40th Anniversary of China’s Reform and Opening-Up: Institutional Change and Reconfigurations of China’s Political Economy” complemented by the Fourth International Forum on the “New Silk Road and Sino-European Cooperation” in Duisburg.

The year 2018 marks the 40th anniversary of the Third Plenum’s decisions on opening-up and reform (1978). The experimental integration of market elements into China’s centrally planned economy, sometimes classified as “Chinese variety of capitalism” or “Socialism with Chinese Characteristics”, is still an ongoing and dynamically evolving process. To cope with the negative externalities and unexpected socio-ecological side effects of the 1978 decisions, the 19th Party Congress held in 2017 and the annual meeting of the National People’s Congress (March 2018) redefined the guidelines of China’s official development path in the “new era”. This refined developmental strategy reflects domestic challenges as well as changing constellations at the global level and China’s role in international institutions. Before this background of the ongoing recalibration and fine-tuning of China’s modernization and development strategy, the conference will engage in a critical re-evaluation of the opportunities and potential challenges of China’s economic developmental model and also address the New Silk Road Initiative.

By hosting this conference, we hope to facilitate interdisciplinary exchange of views, expectations, and perceptions – with the ultimate goal to strengthen cross-cultural understanding and to pave the way for joint win-win initiatives to make this world a better place.

This academic event is accompanied by policy roundtables under the roof of the Fourth International Forum on the “New Silk Road and Sino-European Cooperation”. The International Forum’s roundtables will reflect the New Silk Road initiative from the Chinese, the European, as well as from the US American perspective. The First International Forum on the “New Silk Road and Sino-European Cooperation” was held in 2015 as a kick-off event jointly organized by the Institute of East Asian Studies (IN-EAST) and the China Center for Contemporary World Studies (CCCWS). Since then, the “New Silk Road” initiative has gained speed and reached out to more world regions. It is hence time to evaluate the achievements and potential future trajectories of the New Silk Road – and to move beyond the, once again, re-emerging neorealist threat scenarios and outdated black-and-white typologies.

We wish you enjoyable, thrilling debates over the next three days.

Prof. Dr. Yuan Li
Prof. Dr. Nele Noesselt
Prof. Dr. Markus Taube
**Wednesday, October 10, 2018**
Venue: University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg Campus, NETZ Bldg.

12:30–13:30  **Registration**

13:30–14:00  **Opening Ceremony**  
Peter Anker  Dean, Mercator School of Management, University of Duisburg-Essen

**Plenary Session / Keynote Speeches**

14:00–15:30  **Thomas Heberer**  Senior Professor at IN-EAST, University of Duisburg-Essen  
*China’s Reform and Opening-up Policies at 40: Retrospect of a Witness*

**Jean-François Huchet**  Vice-President for Research, National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilisation, Paris  
*Beyond Deng Xiaoping’s Economic Legacy: What New Directions for Economic Reform in China?*

15:30–16:00  Coffee break

16:00–17:30  **Jun Zhang**  Dean, School of Economics, Fudan University, Shanghai  
*Reform as Learning Process: Understanding China’s 40 Years of Economic Success*

**Suisheng Zhao**  Editor, Journal of Contemporary China; Professor of Chinese politics and foreign policy, University of Denver  
*Forty Years of US Engagement with China and China’s Reform and Open-up*

18:30  Reception at Duisburg City Hall

**Thursday, October 11, 2018**
Venue: University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg Campus, ZBT Bldg.

8:30–10:00  **Sessions Group 1**  (3 parallel sessions)

10:00–10:30  Coffee break

10:30–12:00  **Sessions Group 2**  (3 parallel sessions)

12:00–13:00  Lunch break

Academic Conference Program to be continued Friday, 12 October, 9:00 h
Conference Participants are invited to attend *The Fourth International Forum on the ‘New Silk Road’ and Sino-European Cooperation* at IntercityHotel, Duisburg – see separate program.

19:00  Conference Dinner, IntercityHotel, Duisburg
Friday, October 12, 2018
Venue: University of Duisburg-Essen, Duisburg Campus, NETZ Bldg. / ZBT Bldg.

**Plenary Session / Keynote Speeches**

9:00–10:30  **Akio Takahara**  Professor of Contemporary Chinese Politics, University of Tokyo  
*China’s Genius for Formulating Constellational Concepts: Reform and Opening-up and the Belt and Road Initiative*

9:00–10:30  **Yang Yao**  Dean, National School of Development, Peking University  
*Does the Chinese Selectocracy Select Competent Leaders?*

10:30–11:00  Coffee break

11:00–12:30  **Sessions Group 3**  (2 parallel sessions)

12:30–13:30  Lunch break

13:30–15:00  **Sessions Group 4**  (Roundtable / 1 session)

15:00–15:30  Coffee break

15:30–17:00  **Sessions Group 5**  (2 parallel sessions)

18:30  **Closing Remarks**
SESSIONS GROUP 1

October 11, 2018, 8:30–10:00

PANEL I-1 BELT & ROAD INITIATIVE
Venue: ZBT, University of Duisburg-Essen
Chair: Yibing Ding  Jilin University, Changchun

Yuan Li / Ling Fang / Martin Kleimann  University of Duisburg-Essen
The Impact of New Silk Road Railways on Local Economic Development

Karen Lee Jackson / Oleksandr Shepotylo  University of Westminster, London
Modelling Political Risk along the Belt and Road

George Tzogopoulos  CIFE/BESA/Democritus University of Thrace, Komotini
The Belt and Road Initiative as an Integration Platform in the Mediterranean

Yibing Ding / Wei Liu  Jilin University, Changchun
The Impact of Trade Development on the Upgrading of Industrial Structure of the “Belt and Road” Countries: An Empirical Study Based on Export Product Density

PANEL II-1 FINANCIAL MARKETS
Venue: ZBT, University of Duisburg-Essen
Chair: Xuheng Tong  Lorraine University, Nancy

Xuheng Tong  Lorraine University, Nancy
The Expected Roles of Credit Rating Agencies (CRAs), from the Viewpoints of Rating Regulators and Norm-Markers: A Qualitative and Comparative Study in Europe and in China

Hahn Shik Lee / Woo Suk Lee  Sogang University, Seoul
Network Connectedness among Northeast Asian Financial Markets

Lu Shen / KW Chau  University of Hong Kong
The Myth of Informal Housing in China

PANEL III-1 INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND GLOBAL VALUE CHAINS
Venue: ZBT, University of Duisburg-Essen
Chair: Ling Deng  RMIT University, Melbourne

Ling Deng / Jiang Zhou / Paul Gibson  RMIT University, Melbourne
Culture and International Trade Credit Risk Management: A Qualitative Explorations of Chinese Exporters

Donatella Baiardi / Carluccio Bianchi  University of Parma
At the Roots of China’s Striking Performance in Textile Exports: A Comparison with Its Main Asian Competitors

Antonia Hmaid  University of Duisburg-Essen
Investment for Political Gain? – Dyadic Political Relations and Chinese Outward Direct Investment
SELECTIONS GROUP 2

PANEL I-2 BELT & ROAD INITIATIVE
Venue: ZBT, University of Duisburg-Essen
Chair: Maryia Danilovich  Uppsala University

Andrei Radulescu  Banca Transilvania and Romanian Academy, Bucharest

BRI – The Catalyst for the Future Development of China

Peter Ondris / Michael Gregus  Faculty of Management, Comenius University in Bratislava

Major Causes and Definition of Belt and Road Initiative as China’s Geo-economic Initiative

Maryia Danilovich  Uppsala University

Belarusian Discourses on the Belt and Road Initiative: The Assessment of Success?

PANEL VI ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Venue: ZBT, University of Duisburg-Essen
Chair: Thomas Heberer  University of Duisburg-Essen

Mike Bronner  SXUFE, Taiyuan / Thomas Hanke  FOM, Essen / Torsten Marner  FOM, Cologne

Party-State Planning, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation in China: Accounting for and Modelling the Interaction, Drawing Lessons, and Scrutinising the Likely Path Forward

George Tweneboah / Shaibu Salifu  University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

China’s Entrepreneurship Regime: Contributions and Challenges

Thomas Heberer  University of Duisburg-Essen

Weapons of the Rich: Strategic Behavior and Collective Action of Private Entrepreneurs in China

Yao Lu  University of Duisburg-Essen

Guanxi and Risk Preferences: A Lab-in-the-Field Experiment with Private Entrepreneurs in China

PANEL IX INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFERS
Venue: NETZ/ZBT, University of Duisburg-Essen
Chair: Markus Taube  University of Duisburg-Essen

Tao Liu  University of Duisburg-Essen

China Learning from Abroad: What Lessons Can Be Drawn? – Social Systems

Giulia Romano  University of Duisburg-Essen

China Learning from Abroad: What Lessons Can Be Drawn? – Urban Development

Markus Taube  University of Duisburg-Essen

China Learning from Abroad: What Lessons Can Be Drawn? – Economic Institutions
PANEL I-3 BELT & ROAD INITIATIVE
Venue: NETZ/ZBT, University of Duisburg-Essen
Chair: Anatoly Tsvyk  Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia (RUDN University), Moscow

Ran Hu  University of York
\textit{Beyond Rationality: China and One Belt, One Road}

Anatoly Tsvyk  Peoples’ Friendship University of Russia (RUDN University), Moscow
\textit{China’s Role in the Global Economic Governance as a “Responsible State”}

Lorella Brienza / Hery Andrianiaina Mahamaro  Chongqing University
\textit{Yuxinou Freight Corridor: A Conspicuous Example of Connectivity in the New Eurasian Region}

Chuan Chun Liu  Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan
\textit{The Construction of China’s Foreign Cooperation Regime under the Initiative of OBOR}

PANEL VII GOVERNANCE AND INNOVATION
Venue: NETZ/ZBT, University of Duisburg-Essen
Chair: Nele Noesselt  University of Duisburg-Essen

Yang Yao  Peking University
\textit{New Trends Regarding the Mobility of Government Officials}

Nele Noesselt  University of Duisburg-Essen
\textit{Governance Innovation and Policy Recalibration under Xi Jinping}

Antonia Reinecke / Hans-Jörg Schmerer  FernUniversität in Hagen
\textit{Estimating the Local Effectiveness of Institutions: A Latent-Variable Approach}

Shuanping Dai  University of Duisburg-Essen
\textit{Social Belief and National System of Innovation Policies: Reflections on China’s Narrative of Innovation Policies}
SESSIONS GROUP 4  
October 12, 2018, 13:30–15:00

ROUNDTABLE INDUSTRIAL POLICY
Venue: NETZ/ZBT, University of Duisburg-Essen

Impulse Statement
Robert Wade, London School of Economics
*Structural Obstacles to Upwards State Mobility in the Inter-state Income Hierarchy*

Discussants
Giuseppe Gabusi, University of Torino
Markus Taube, University of Duisburg-Essen

PANEL VIII SUSTAINABLE AND GREEN DEVELOPMENT
Venue: NETZ/ZBT, University of Duisburg-Essen
Chair: Daniele Brombal, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice

Daniele Brombal, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice
*The Ecological Foundations of China’s Development Institutions*

Martin de Jong, Erasmus University Rotterdam
*From Eco Civilization to City Branding: A Neo-Marxist Perspective of Sustainable Urban Development in China*

Oyuna Baldakova, Freie Universität Berlin
*Greening Belt and Road: Emerging Regulatory Framework for China’s Sustainable Overseas Investments*

Josie-Marie Perkuhn, University of Heidelberg
*Sustaining Reform and Opening-up vis-à-vis Sustainable Growth?*
**SESSIONS GROUP 5**

**PANEL II-2  FINANCIAL MARKETS**
Venue: ZBT, University of Duisburg-Essen  
Chair: Xiang Li  
Halle Institute for Economic Research

- Linda Glawe / Helmut Wagner  
  FernUniversität in Hagen  
  *The Deep Determinants of Economic Development in China – A Provincial Perspective*

- Xiang Li / Michael McMahon / Alfred Schipke  
  Halle Institute for Economic Research  
  *China’s Monetary Policy Communication: Impact, Frameworks, and Recommendations*

- Konrad Sobański  
  Poznań University of Economics and Business  
  *Capital Flows in Developing Countries – the Case of China*

- Dejan Krusec  
  European Central Bank, Frankfurt am Main  
  *Financial Stability Risks in Chinese Financial Markets*

**PANEL V  IDEOLOGY AND POLITICS**
Venue: NETZ/ZBT, University of Duisburg-Essen  
Chair: Lowell Dittmer  
University of California, Berkeley

- Tiffany Patel  
  Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
  *Pride and Shame as a Measure of the Trajectory of the Political Economies of the PRC and the USSR/Russia*

- Lowell Dittmer  
  University of California, Berkeley  
  *Reforming the Chinese Communist Party*

- Lumin Fang / Shuai Qin  
  Humboldt University of Berlin  
  *From Authoritarian Institution to Neo-Weberian State: The Reform of CCP Cadre Management System and Its Influences*
Thomas Heberer is Senior professor of Chinese Politics & Society at the Institute of Political Science and the Institute of East Asian Studies at the University Duisburg-Essen. He concurrently is Co-Director of the Confucius Institute Metropolis Ruhr at the same university.

He studied political science, social anthropology, philosophy and sinology at the universities Frankfurt am Main, Göttingen, Mainz and Heidelberg and received his PhD at Bremen University in 1977. He was senior research fellow at the Bremen Oversea’s Museum (organizing the permanent China exhibition) and at the University of Bremen. After professorships in Bremen and Trier he accepted a professorship at the University of Duisburg in 1998. From 2013–2015 he was also distinguished professor at Zhejiang University in Hangzhou.

His first visit to China was in 1975. From 1977 until 1981 he worked as a reader and translator with the Foreign Language Press in Beijing. Since 1982 he conducted fieldwork on different topics and in almost all Chinese provinces on an annual basis. His recent research focuses on private entrepreneurs as a strategic group and new patterns of political representation (new forms of representing the interests of entrepreneurs and new forms of representation by means of the cyberspace). He has authored, co-authored, edited or co-edited more than 60 books in German, English and Chinese and several hundred articles in journals and edited volumes.

Akio Takahara is Dean of the Graduate School of Public Policy and Professor at the Graduate School of Law and Politics, The University of Tokyo. He received his D.Phil. from the University of Sussex, and later spent several years as visiting scholar at the Consulate-General of Japan in Hong Kong, the Japanese Embassy in Beijing, the Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University, the School of International Studies, Peking University, and the Mercator Institute for China Studies, Berlin. Before joining the University of Tokyo, he taught at J.F. Oberlin University and Rikkyo University. He served as a Member of the Governing Body of the Institute of Development Studies, UK, and as Secretary General of the New Japan-China Friendship 21st Century Committee. He concurrently serves as senior researcher of the Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research, senior adjunct fellow of the Japan Institute of International Affairs, and senior researcher of the Japan International Forum. His publications include The Politics of Wage Policy in Post-Revolutionary China, Macmillan Press, Japan-China Relations in the Modern Era, co-authored, Routledge, and The CCP’s Meritocratic Cadre System, in: Lam, Willy Wo Lap (ed.), Routledge Handbook of the Chinese Communist Party, Routledge.

Yang Yao is a Cheung-Kong Scholar and Boya Chair professor at the China Center for Economic Research (CCER) and the National School of Development (NSD), Peking University. He currently serves as the director of CCER, the dean of NSD, and the editor of CCER’s house journal China Economic Quarterly. His research interests include economic transition and development in China. He has published more than a hundred research papers in international and domestic journals as well as several books on institutional economics and economic development in China. He is also a prolific writer for magazines and newspapers, including the Financial Times and the Project Syndicate.

Yang Yao was awarded the 2008 and 2014 Sun Yefang Award in Economic Science, the 2008 and 2010 Pu Shan Award in International Economics and the 2008 Zhang Peigang Award in Development Economics, and was named the Best Teacher by the PKU Student Union in 2006 and the Best Advisor by the PKU Graduate Students Union in 2017.

He obtained a BS in geography in 1986 and an MS in economics in 1989, both from Peking University, and his PhD in development economics from the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1996.
Jean-François Huchet is currently Vice-President for Research and professor of economics (Chair of Chinese economy and comparative economics in Asia) at the National Institute for Oriental Language and Civilization in Paris (INALCO). He was director of the Centre for Asian Studies (ASIEs) at INALCO from 2014 to 2017. Between 2006 and 2011, he was director of the French Centre for Research on Contemporary China (CEFC), a French National Research Center (CNRS) research institute based in Hong Kong, and director of the Academic Journal *China Perspectives*. He was based in Asia for 18 years and has occupied several academic positions as senior research fellow at the French Centre for Research on Contemporary China (CEFC) in Hong Kong between 1997 and 2001. He was also senior research fellow at the Maison franco-japonaise in Tokyo between 1993 and 1997 and PhD researcher at Beijing University from 1987 to 1991. He has received his PhD of economics from the University of Rennes (France) in 1993. His research and publications have focused on the role of the state in economic development in China and India and on the global consequences of China’s economic development. He has published numerous articles and books on the Chinese economy. His latest books and articles include: *The Environmental Crisis in China* (in French), Paris, Presses de SciencesPo, 2016; *China and India in Central Asia. A new Great Game?*, New York, Palgrave Macmillan, 2010, 254 pp.; *Impact of 1989 on the Emergence of State and Authoritarian Capitalism in China*, in: Jacques Rupnik and Christian Lequesne (eds.) *1989: Europe and the World transformed*, London, Routledge, 2011.

Professor Jun Zhang is one of the leading economists in China who publishes widely. Recent academic contributions have been to *The World Economy*, *China Economic Review*, *Economic Systems*, *Journal of Asian Economics*, *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy*, *Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies*, and *East Asian Review*. Over the past 20 years he has authored or edited numerous books including *Economic Transition with Chinese Characteristics: Thirty Years of Reform and Opening up* (McGill-Queen University Press, 2008), *Transformation of the Chinese Enterprises* (Cengage Learning, 2009), and *Unfinished Reforms of the Chinese Economy* (World Scientific Publishing Ltd., 2013). He has been on the editorial board of several academic journals including *Economic Systems*, *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy*, *East Asia Policy*, *Journal of Pro-Poor Economics*, *China Social Sciences Review*, *China Economic Quarterly*, *China Economic Journal*, *China: An International Journal*, and editor-in-chief of *Fudan Economic Papers*. Since 1997 he has been resident as visiting scholar to London School of Economics, SOAS, University of London, University of Aarhus, Tokyo Metropolitan University, Harvard University, Yale University, Kyungpook National University in Korea, The Queens’ University, and the World Institute for Development Economics Research of the United Nations University (UNU-WIDER). He is currently the Dean of School of Economics at Fudan University, and Director of the China Center for Economic Studies.

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Institute of East Asian Studies (IN-EAST)

At the University of Duisburg-Essen’s Institute of East Asian Studies, more than 80 scholars from various academic disciplines are engaged in both research and teaching on contemporary East Asia, focusing on the economies, politics and societies of China, Japan and Korea.

Established in 1994, IN-EAST is Germany’s largest center of social science research on contemporary East Asia. IN-EAST runs Bachelor’s, Master’s and doctoral programs, each covering intensive training in one of the East Asian languages. Doctoral and post-doctoral research is carried out by the DFG-sponsored Research Training Group ‘Risk and East Asia’ and the BMBF-funded IN-EAST School of Advanced Studies, the latter focusing on Innovation in East Asia.

Fudan Development Institute (FDDI)

Founded in 1993, Fudan Development Institute (FDDI) has been dedicated to the policy and strategy research on key issues relevant to China’s development and the global governance.

It ranked in “China’s Top 10 Think Tanks of the Year”, according to “The Most Influential Think Tanks & Think Tank Leaders in China in 2016” published by Guangming Daily in January, 2017. FDDI is one of the pioneers in promoting globalization of think tanks in China. It is the first domestic think tank to establish “Overseas Center for China Studies” abroad and sponsors around 20 visiting scholars from abroad each year.

Confucius Institute Metropolis Ruhr

The Confucius Institute Metropolis Ruhr, based in Duisburg, was officially established in autumn 2009. It is an institute at the University of Duisburg-Essen. The city of Duisburg and the University of Duisburg-Essen provide an ideal location for a Confucius Institute, as both have been maintaining good contacts with Wuhan city and Wuhan University since the early 1980s.

The Confucius Institute Metropolis Ruhr offers its expertise to the whole Ruhr Metropolitan Region, which also reflects in the Institute’s name. Besides the mediation of language and cultural skills, other important foci of the Institute’s work are China’s current politics and socio-economic issues; the Institute also assumes tasks in political, economic and media consulting and promotes scientific exchange.

City of Duisburg

Located at the crossroads of the serene Lower Rhine region and the pulsating Ruhr Metropolitan Area the city of Duisburg is home to a cosmopolitan population of half a million inhabitants, renowned for the world’s largest inland port and the highest production volume of steel in Europe. In recent decades Duisburg has successfully managed to transform its vast heritage of industrial complexes into thriving hotspots for a broad array of cultural activities, sports and leisure pursuits that attract visitors from all over the world. Not only as prominently relevant terminal station of the New Silk Road the city of Duisburg economically looks out on strengthening its position as turnstile of culture and trade at the heart of Europe.
**Transport Advice**

**Airport to Hotel** – From Düsseldorf International Airport (DUS) it takes about 20 minutes by train to get to Duisburg Central Station. Trains depart every 10–20 minutes. By taxi it takes about 25 minutes from DUS to Duisburg city center (approx. 40 €).

From Frankfurt International Airport (FRA) it takes 1.5 hours to get to Duisburg by direct high-speed train. For more information please visit: [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de)

**Getting Around in Duisburg** – In Duisburg city you will find a convenient local public transportation system. For detailed information and planning of your trip please visit: [www.vrr.de/en](http://www.vrr.de/en)

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**City of Duisburg**

If you are interested in getting a first impression of the city of Duisburg, we recommend the following website: [www.ruhr-tourismus.de/en/cities-in-the-ruhr-area/duisburg.html](http://www.ruhr-tourismus.de/en/cities-in-the-ruhr-area/duisburg.html)

Besides general information on Duisburg it also informs about events and local culture.

**Weather**

This week, weather in Duisburg will be warm with temperatures around 17–24 °C.

**Conference Tags**

We kindly ask you to carry your conference tag during the conference as it serves as entry pass.

**Luggage**

Please leave your luggage at the hotel as there is no luggage storage at the University.

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