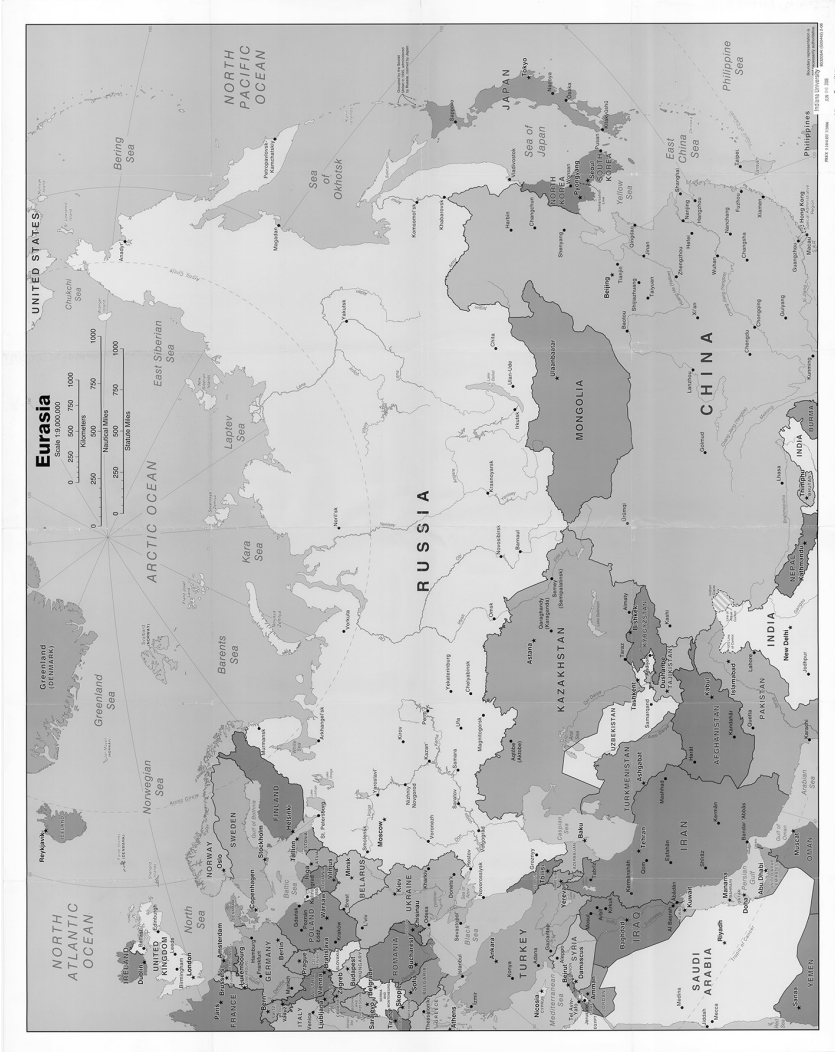


## Acronyms and abbreviations

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ABM	Anti-Ballistic Missile
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AIIB	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
ARF	ASEAN Regional Forum
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASEM	Asia-Europe Meeting
BCIM-EC	Bangladesh–China–India–Myanmar Economic Corridor
BRI	Belt and Road Initiative
BRICS	Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa grouping
CCP	Chinese Communist Party
CDB	China Development Bank
CEE	Central and East Europe (countries)
CICA	Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia
CNP	Comprehensive National Power
CPEC	China–Pakistan Economic Corridor
CSTO	Collective Security Treaty Organization
EAS	East Asia Summit
EEU	Eurasian Economic Union (also often abbreviated as the EAEU)
G2	Group of 2 (as global leaders)
GCAP	Greater Central Asia Partnership for Cooperation and Development
HDI	Human Development Index
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IONS	Indian Ocean Naval Symposium
IORA	Indian Ocean Rim Association
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization

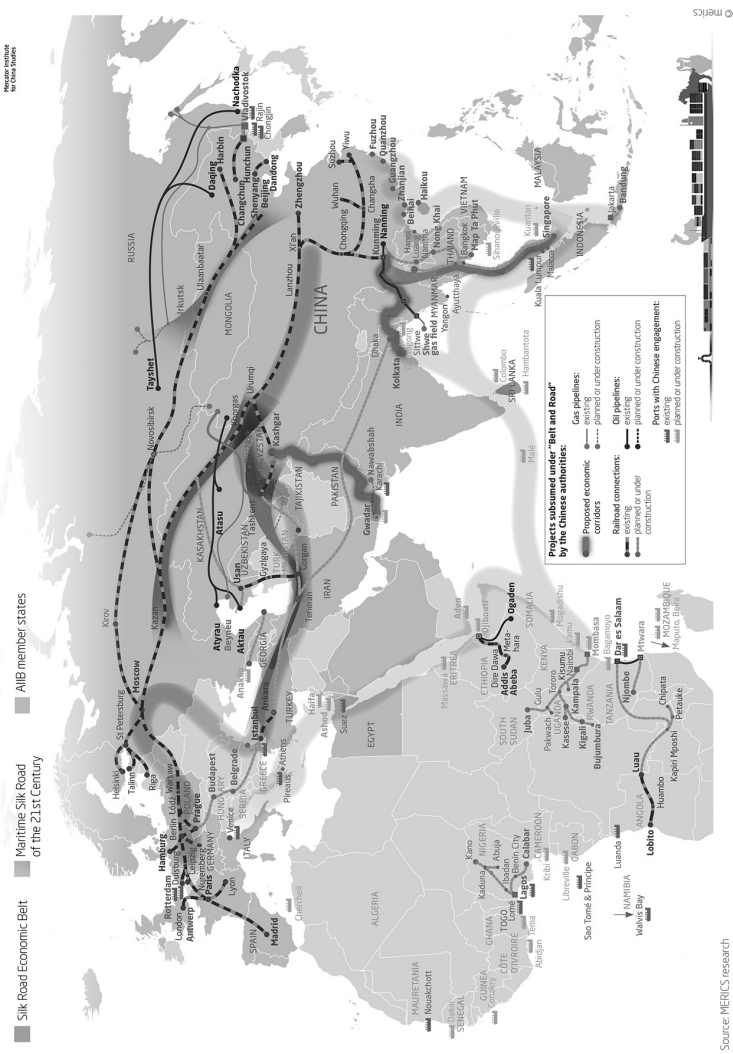
NSR	New Silk Road
OBOR	One Belt, One Road
PLA	People's Liberation Army
PLAN	People's Liberation Army Navy
RCEP	Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
SCO	Shanghai Cooperation Organization
SLOCs	Sea Lines of Communication
SOE	State-owned Enterprise
TPP	Trans-Pacific Partnership
XUAR	Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region



*Map 1 Eurasia: political map*

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China aims to build a global infrastructure network  
 "Belt and Road" infrastructure projects, planned and completed (March 2017)



Source: MERICS research

Map 2 The Belt and Road Initiative

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