Abstract:
The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has been the subject of extensive analysis since late 2013. Most of this views it as a manifestation of some aspect of China’s approach to global issues under Xi Jinping, whether economic, geopolitical, or as a means for reshaping globalisation. So far there has been little research into the dynamics of the initiative at the local level in China. This research responds to this gap by examining provincial responses to the BRI in Yunnan, a province in southwest China. Based on an examination of provincial-level policy documents, and the output of local scholars and corporate actors, the research sketches out the ways in which the elites in one province of China have responded to the BRI, and what this might mean for the implementation and shaping of the initiative.

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