Belt and Road from young professionals’ perspective: The work of SABRI and environmental considerations in Latin America

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- Founded in 2018 in Tsinghua University
- To date with more than 1000 members from more than 80 countries.
- SABRI close partners are the Institute of Belt & Road Strategy, Youth League Committee and the Global Competence Center based in THU.
- SABRI vision is to develop an international educational platform in order to promote academic and cultural exchange among global youth on China’s BRI as well as to Tsinghua University’s international image.
Our work during COVID-19

• International Humanitarian Assistance
  – Academic research groups
  – Online conferences on relevant topics like Public Health Management.
  – Medical supply and humanitarian aid to countries like Italy, Iran, United Kingdom and Russia.
Environmental observations on the BRI

1) Planning of large infrastructure projects
2) Inherent environmental impacts due to construction complexities on each project type
3) Regional demand on energy, transportation and communication sectors.
4) Host countries political and legal conditions.

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### Environmental Certification of Investment / EIA Procedure

- **National Service for Environmental Certification of Investment / EIA Procedure**
- **Preliminary review**
- **Initial Evaluation and Technical Revision of the EIS**
- **Assessment from local bodies**
- **Public Hearing**
- **Field Visit**
- **Approval**
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- Prior Consultation and Public Participation Plan
- Authorities get in contact with local community
- Local community, public authorities and company
- Other PP mechanisms proposed by the company
1. Stakeholder engagement
2. Relocation and land acquisition
3. Environmental and cultural conservation
4. Health risks and waste pollution
5. Human rights protection
6. Transparency and accountability
7. Projects risks and investment lose.
General considerations

- Host country legal and political conditions
- Environmental protection policies, regulations and standards
  - Impact Assessment Procedures
  - Public consultation and participation
  - Access to information
- Chinese extraterritorial limits and recent experience in international terrains
  - BRI is a policy
  - Chinese companies are adapting to new environments
  - Current BRI instruments cant be enforced overseas, example the *Guidance on Environmental Protection in Foreign Investment and Cooperation and the Regulations on the Administration of Foreign Contracted Projects*
- BRI International Green Development Coalition
- Environmental Protection Bilateral agreements or MOUs
Thank you very much for your attention