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The main goal of CEIAS is to spread knowledge about Asia among scholars and experts in Central Europe and beyond, while also informing the public about Central European activities in Asia.

To this end, CEIAS conducts and publishes its research, organizes public seminars and conferences, supports education on Asian topics, and communicates with the local, regional, and international media.

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Activities

CEIAS Insights
Asia Briefing
Chinese Media Watch
Research papers
Seminars and lectures
Books

2019 in numbers

10 research papers
12 issues of Asia Briefing
58 articles
186 media citations
1 417 Facebook followers



Projects

The motto of the Institute of Asian Studies is to spread knowledge about Asia. For the purpose of its implementation, in 2019, CEIAS carried out several projects including original research and organization of public events. In 2019, CEIAS organized public seminars, lectures, and debates for both the professional and lay public under the header of **Asia Talks**.

In 2019, we carried on with our project **ChinfluenCE**, which entered its 3rd year of existence. In this international cooperation, we continued to map Chinese political and economic influence in Slovakia along with partners from the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland.

In the first half of 2019, we started a project **Slovakia and China: Challenges for the future**. This project was supported by a financial grant from the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic. Here we aimed to contribute to the development of Slovak foreign policy towards Northeast and Southeast Asia states.

Project **Comparative Analysis of the Approach towards China: V4+ and One Belt One Road (OBOR)** which started in 2018, was continued until the middle of 2019. The project culminated with a publication of a report on V4 countries' and Serbia's engagement with China under the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative.

We also began with the project **Chinese influence in the V4: Understanding the impact on political elites** in 2019. In this International Visegrad Fund (IVF) funded project, we cooperate with partners from Czechia, Hungary, Serbia, and Poland. Project aimed at evaluating the perception of China among the key political players within the V4 countries.

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- [V4+ and One Belt One Road](#)
- [Agent Level Analysis of RMB Internationalization in the Visegrád Countries](#)
- [Prospects for Developing the V4+China Cooperation Platform](#)
- [Perception of China among V4 Political Elites](#)
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- [Friends or foes? How diverging views of communist past undermine the China-CEE '16+1 platform'](#)
- [Folklorized politics: How Chinese soft power works in Central Asia](#)
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