





## Typological Approaches to Complexity in China's Foreign Policy

What was the Belt and Road Anyway?

A Typology of Typologies



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Abstract: In times of uncertainty, we should return to theoretical basics. Kenderdine will present some first-principles approaches to international relations theory around recent China foreign policy. The presentation introduces some known and novel typological approaches to understanding complexity in China's foreign policy thought and formation. This against the applied backdrop of China's deployment of a more realist foreign policy and the development of new forms of domestic realism in security, geoeconomics and global governance. Typological research approaches can help to identify and understand the underlying institutional geometry - the shapes of institutional change. Describing the shapes of these institutions helps us to identify clusters, axes and negative spaces where counters, responses, and defences may otherwise lie hidden.

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