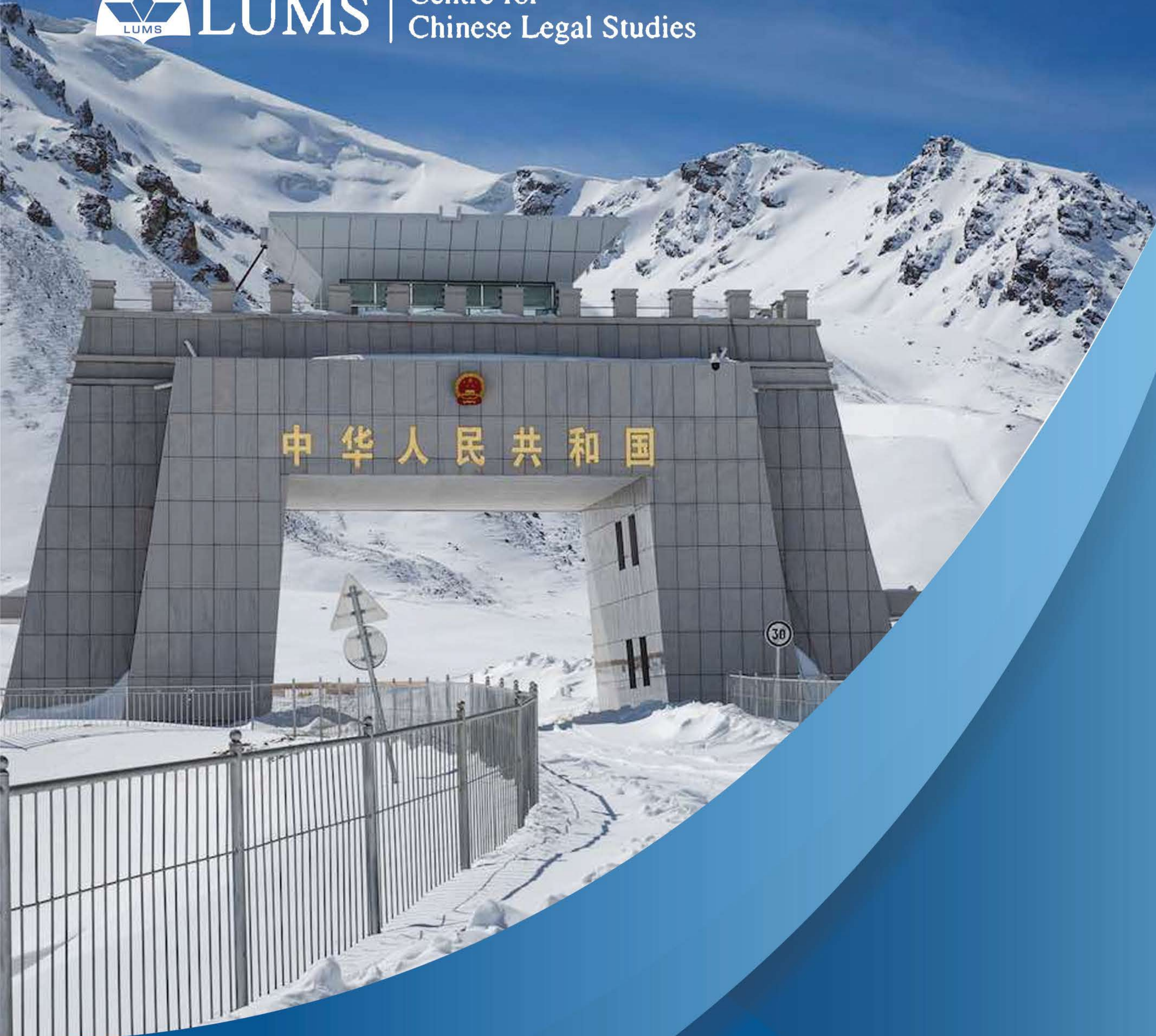




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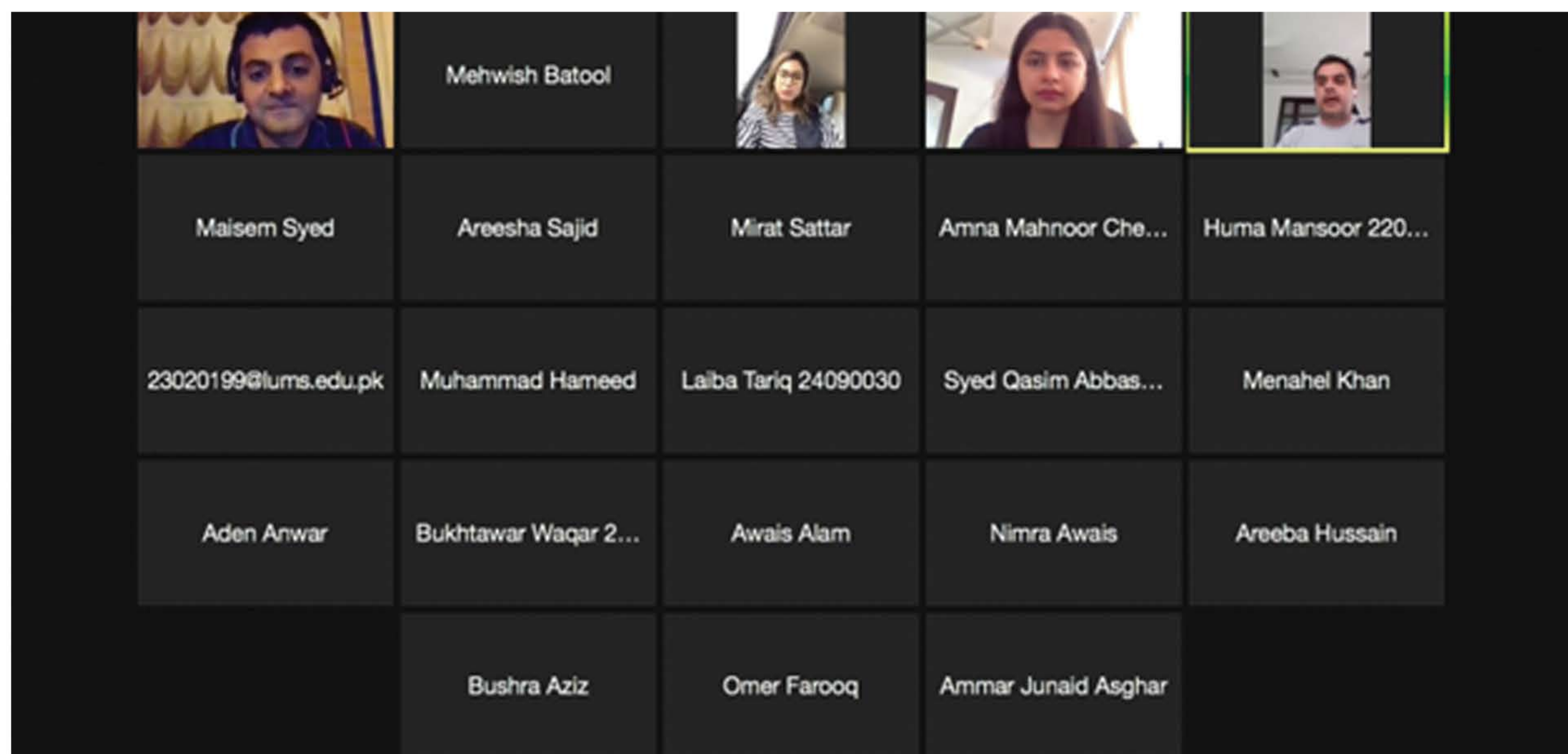
"I am delighted to share the third issue of the Centre for Chinese Legal Studies Bulletin. Despite the numerous challenges the year 2021 presented, the Centre did not waver from its commitment to novel research and teaching initiatives. I am particularly proud of the Centre's Inaugural Virtual Internship Programme, meticulously designed to provide students with insights into the workings of a research-intensive centre and enhance their practical experience. Our interns worked with CCLS researchers to produce insightful and topical research papers published on our website. The CCLS Lecture series – featuring academics, researchers, and policy makers from China and Pakistan – was also launched as part of the Internship Programme, with the lecturer's in-depth analysis and discussion well received by both the interns and the academic community at large. I can say with unreserved confidence that the rest of 2021 will prove to be even better for the Centre as we continue to make remarkable strides in research and teaching, and I look forward to sharing more updates with the LUMS community concerning our upcoming academic projects, insightful conferences, and other exciting international collaborations in the coming months."

Assoc. Prof. Sikander Ahmed Shah
Director,
Centre for Chinese Legal Studies,
Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law,
Lahore University of Management Sciences

VIRTUAL SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

The CCLS launched a summer internship programme for students at LUMS to provide them with insights into the workings of a research-intensive centre. This internship programme was designed to equip the students with the various phases of research, from conception and idea generation to data collection, and finally to articulately and comprehensively expressing the findings of the research.

During the internship programme, sessions with subject-matter experts, from Pakistan and China, were arranged to expose interns to the contemporary scope of the relationship between China and Pakistan. This allowed the students to acquire a holistic understanding of the various research areas pertaining to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) from political, social, and economic perspectives.



RESEARCH PAPERS

Over the course of the internship programme participating students actively engaged in research activities to polish their language and research skills and to encourage interdisciplinary knowledge sharing. This pursuit culminated in the development of insightful research papers by the students covering a diverse array of disciplines; from agriculture, climate change, and digital connectivity, to examining the opportunities presented by Special Economic Zones (SEZs), the research papers focused on vibrant topical areas relevant to CPEC and significantly contributed to the body of academic knowledge on the topic. Following a thorough review of the papers by the research team at CCLS, the papers were published on the Centre's website and are available to future researchers to inform their work.

They can be viewed on the link below:

[Papers | Centre for Chinese Legal Studies \(lums.edu.pk\)](https://www.lums.edu.pk/ccls/papers)

COURSES OFFERED

ADVANCED TOPICS IN CHINESE LAW

This Spring, the Centre offered an advanced introduction to Chinese Law, covering its sources, institutions, and processes. The course was taught by Professor Yuan Kang of the School of Law, Wuhan University, People's Republic of China, and provided students with an in-depth understanding of different aspects of Chinese law covering issues such as gender and public law in contemporary China, preventive cybercrime and cybercrime by omission, and criminal protection of the right to personal information in China. As Chinese studies continue to be an emerging field of study, this course provided an insight into public interest litigation as expressed in the Chinese context, and provided the students with an opportunity to deliberate upon

potential problem areas and examine prescriptions for the same. The students also engaged in a deep examination of the wide and diverse range of contemporary Chinese legal issues, including those relating to reproductive rights, investment agreements, and the political and social freedoms of the Chinese populace.

Such exposure to Chinese legal studies, from Chinese professors and subject-matter experts, presents an excellent learning opportunity for students to engage with the subject matter, learn about the various domains of Chinese Law, and enhance their existing understanding of Chinese culture, law, and society.

VIRTUAL SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

The Centre actively conducted lecture series and conferences to encourage dialogue on current debates relating to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE: CHINA-PAKISTAN COLLABORATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

On 5th March 2021, the Centre organized a conference highlighting the collaborative efforts of Pakistan and China in light of recent partnerships such as the CPEC and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The virtual event hosted an esteemed panel of a diverse and multidisciplinary array of academic and subject-matter experts including Dr. Hassan Bashir, Political Scientist, Texas A&M University; Prof. Li Xiguang, Director, Center for Pakistan Cultural and Communication at Tsinghua University; Mr. Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director, Pakistan-China Institute; Dr. Humayun Bashir, Nuclear Medicine Consultant, SKMCH&RC; and Uzair Kayani, Assistant Professor, LUMS.

The conference contextualized the shift of interests from West to East through comparative political theory, explored the historical relationship shared between Pakistan and China, and touched upon the future of this collaboration. Prominent audience members included Dr. Sadaf Aziz, the Interim Dean of the Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law at LUMS, and the discussions over the course of the conference received active and warm feedback from the participants, and served as a platform for constructive discourse on Pak-China collaborative efforts that have become increasingly relevant.

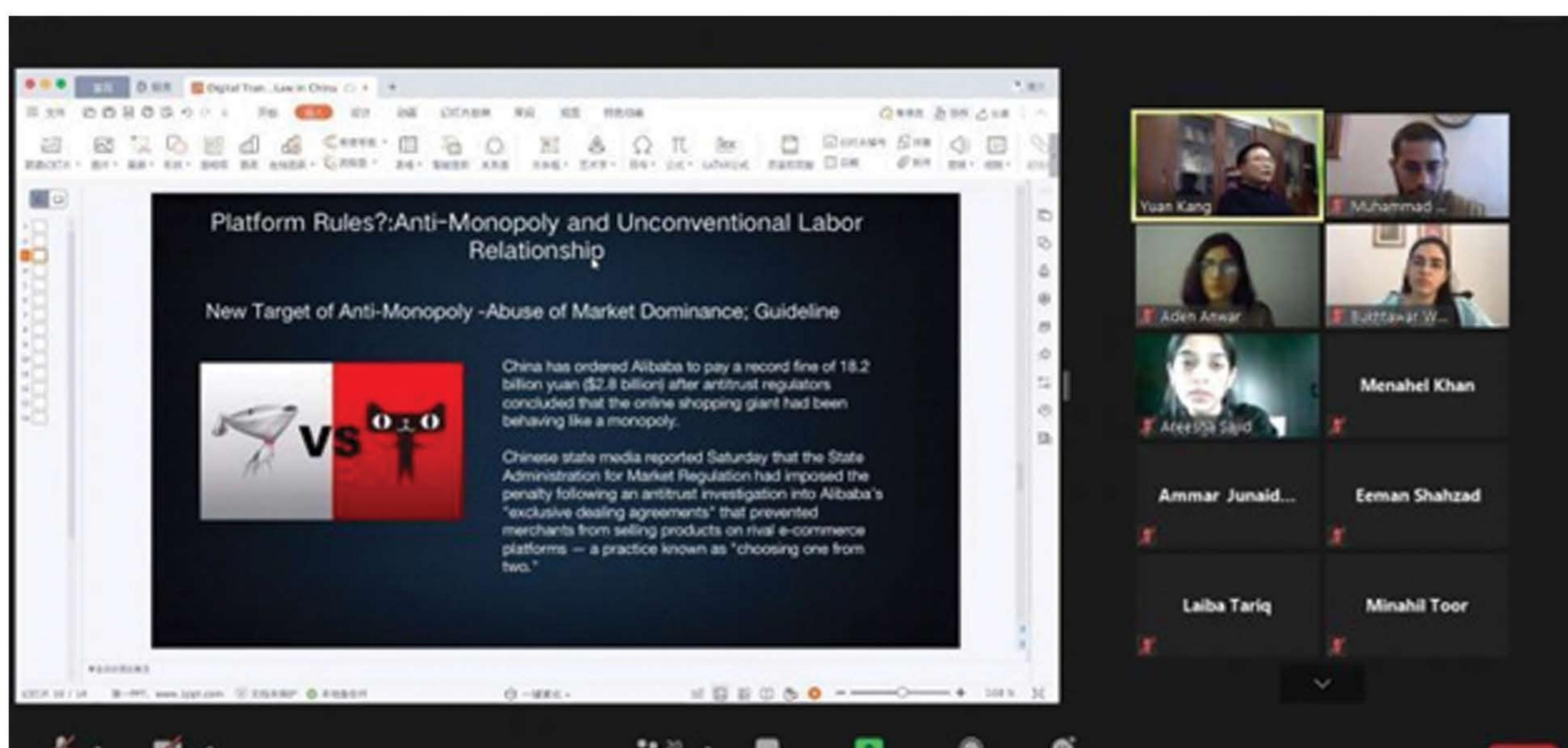


CCLS LECTURE SERIES: DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL CHANGE

On 27th May 2021, Professor Yuan Kang, Associate Professor at the Wuhan University held this session on digital transformation and its challenges, providing a detailed overview of data security and the protection of personal information, platform rules, and the regulation of social media as well. Professor Kang also expounded upon laws passed by the Chinese government

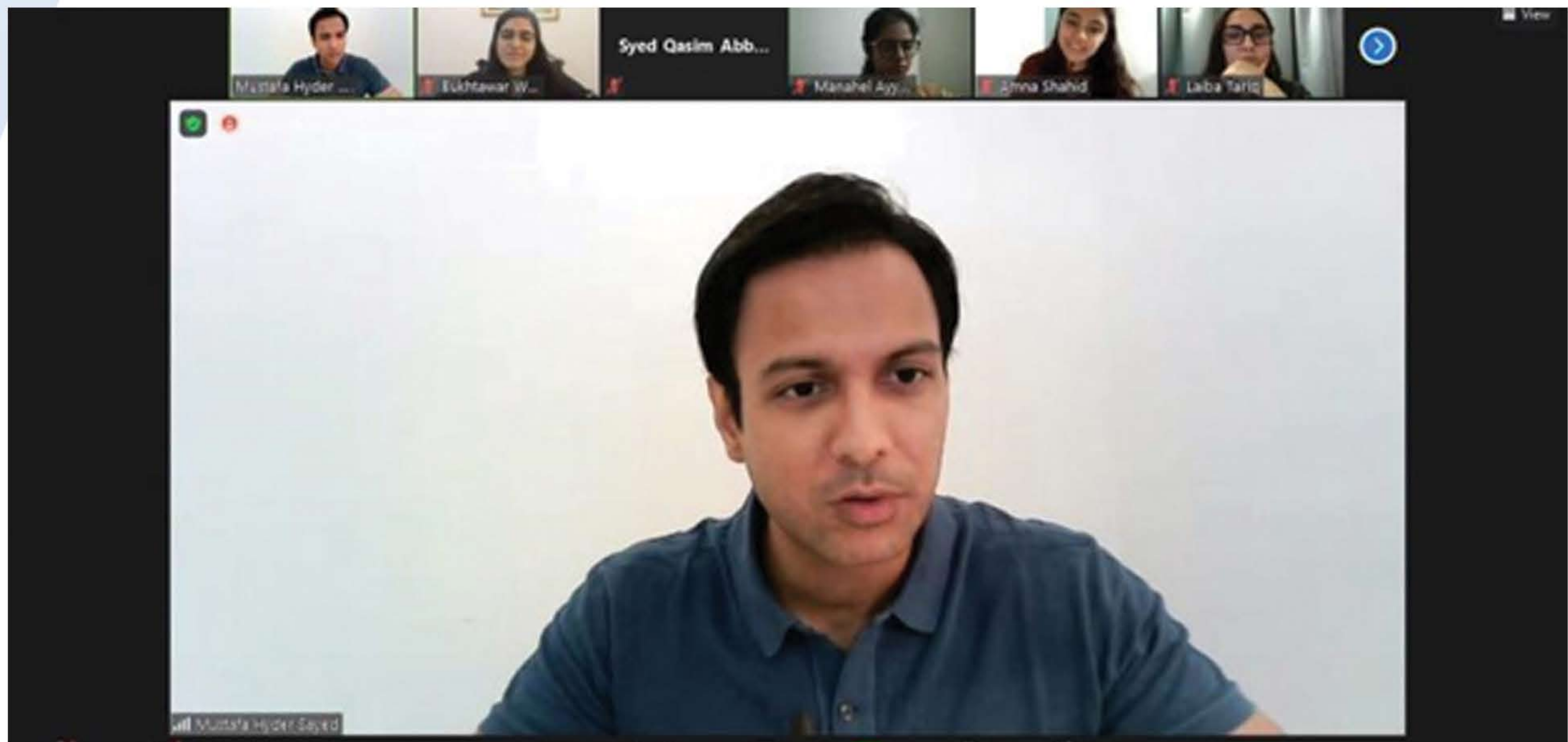
to regulate video games, e-cigarettes, applications, etc. requiring young people to register with their real name and IDs on online platforms. The session piqued the interest of the students, who actively participated in the Q&A session and inquired after the inclusive development of social media, state surveillance of data, and privacy agreements for persons not legally trained.

CCLS LECTURE SERIES: INFORMATIVE DISCOURSE ON THE CHINA-PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR



On 3rd June 2021, Mr. Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director of the Pakistan-China Institute was invited to deliver a lecture on the impact of CPEC on the changing nature of the global political economy and the world order. He expressed how the BRI offers an alternative for developing countries like Pakistan to the Bretton Woods System

that solely promotes a liberal economic order. In an all-rounded discussion on the CPEC, Mr. Hyder elaborated upon how this mega, multi-pronged project will result in multitudinal growth in a variety of sectors in Pakistan, with special emphasis on the importance of SEZs, the fifth-generation warfare, and other related areas of interest.



CCLS LECTURE SERIES: ECONOMICS OF POVERTY - A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

On 14th June 2021, Professor Khalid Mir, Associate Professor at the Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences, LUMS, presented a series of scholarly works – including his own – on poverty and various approaches for poverty alleviation. Questions like “Why are some countries poor while others are not?”; “Why are some regions of a country poor while others aren’t?”; and “Why do some countries become less poor over time e.g. China?” spearheaded the conversation, with Professor Khalid continuing to provide a theoretical framework of poverty and – in his

discussion – a critique of the existing market measures of poverty. He referred to Amartya Sen’s capability approach, the key insight of which was to not look at income but to look at the ‘functioning’ of an individual – i.e. what a person can be, do or achieve – as a better metric for engaging with the issue. Concluding his remarks, he reiterated that moving beyond the market and income, the functioning of an individual must instead be examined as a pluralistic lens through which to consider poverty and poverty-alleviation strategies, providing novel perspectives and approaches to the economics of poverty.

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE: CPEC: PAKISTAN-CHINA SECURITY AND STRATEGIC COOPERATION

On 30th June 2021, CCLS organized a conference where Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman of the Defense Committee of the National Assembly of Pakistan, was the keynote speaker. As a key figure in recognising and promoting the importance of Pakistan and China's relationship at this crucial juncture when the world is witnessing enormous shifts in global policy, Senator Hussain contextualized the present status of China, as it emerges as a global economic power, by taking a historical perspective

on the state and its geopolitical efforts. In the same purview, he discussed how the CPEC projects are instrumental in shifting Pakistan's focus from geopolitics to geoeconomics by boosting connectivity, commerce, trade, and cooperation within the region. On the occasion, Professor Uzair J. Kayani, Acting Head of Department at SAHSOL, LUMS, also shared his remarks on the pivotal and all-weather friendly relationship between Pakistan & China.



IN THE PIPELINE

The Centre continues to actively pursue opportunities for growth and networking, conducting outreach with entities operating in similar spaces in particular, to draw upon the best research and academic sources in its efforts. It plans to reap the results of its existing strong ties for cooperation and engagement with several Chinese centres operating within Pakistan, as it aims to widen its international outreach efforts as well.

In continuation, the Centre will also be offering a course titled *“Introduction to Chinese Law”* in Fall 2021, as well as another course on *“Chinese Business Law”* in Fall 2021. While in Spring 2022, CCLS plans to offer *“Introduction to Chinese Language”* and *“Advanced Topics in Chinese Law”* courses. Moving forward, the CCLS intends to arrange policy and advocacy seminars and hopes to further engage with similar Chinese centres in order to conduct both qualitative and quantitative research projects aimed at contributing to the existing body of knowledge relating to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and – by extension – the Belt & Road Initiative. For this purpose, a special focus will be given to consultative research work and academic collaborations with leading Central Asian and Chinese institutes across the world.

Special Thanks to SAHSOL

The CCLS takes this opportunity to extend its sincerest gratitude to the Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law, and Dr. Sadaf Aziz, Interim Dean, and Professor Uzair J. Kayani, Acting Head of Department, in particular, for their continuous support and leadership in ensuring the Centre's upward trajectory to achieve greater feats in the future.

ABOUT THE CENTRE

The Centre for Chinese Legal Studies is a groundbreaking initiative for research in, and the promotion and teaching of, Chinese legal studies in Pakistan. Founded in October 2019 at the Shaikh Ahmad Hassan School of Law, the Centre is the first of its kind to be established across Pakistan.

The Centre envisions itself as the premier hub for Chinese legal studies in Pakistan and aims to:

- a) contribute to the capacity-building of Pakistan's academics, legal and business professionals, students, and other relevant stakeholders vis-à-vis the Chinese legal system and framework (and its relevance to academia, trade, commerce, exchange, investment, and cooperation between Pakistan and China) through research, publications, executive training programs, conferences, workshops, and symposia;
- b) encourage cross-border collaboration between legal professionals and members of the academia;
- c) facilitate exchange programs for students and faculty with leading universities, centres, and think tanks abroad; and
- d) liaise with leading universities, centres, and think tanks domestically and globally to build a strong network for research, policy, and expertise.