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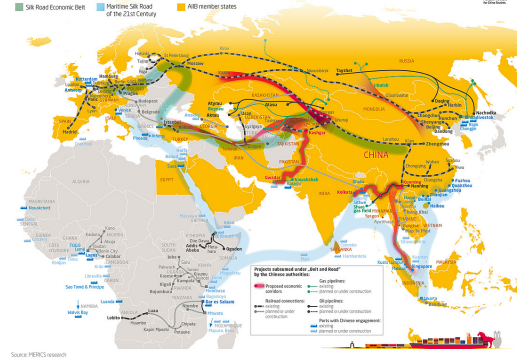


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## Background, Question, Argument

The China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is part of China's "One Belt, One Road" initiative and the nexus of two major economic corridors: the Silk Road Economic Belt and the Southeast Asian Maritime Silk Road. In addition to the economic corridor, CPEC in Pakistan will include energy projects, infrastructure development, industrialization, and the expansion and improvement of Gwadar Port. The project has great potentials for Pakistan, in both economic and regional domains. However, CPEC faces serious challenges on internal and regional fronts. This thesis will examine CPEC in two ways: through a cost/benefit analysis of the proposed project, and through a comparison to the Suez and Panama Canals, two long-time economic corridors that have been well studied. These analyses indicate that CPEC has the potential to boost Pakistan's economy, making the country a regional economic hub. Whether or not this will happen will rely on the effective and timely completion of the project, ensuring transparency and efficiency.

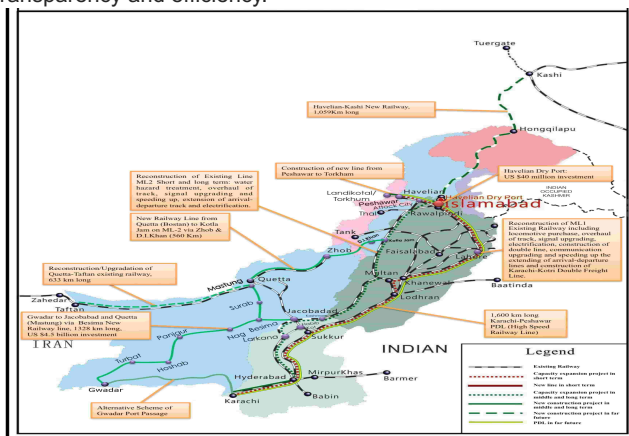
China aims to build a global infrastructure network  
"Belt and Road" infrastructure projects, planned and completed (March 2017)



China's "One Belt, One Road" Initiative: Silk Road Economic Belt and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Maritime Silk Road

## Research design

This thesis is developed on two axes. The first one is research-based, analyzing the benefits of CPEC as regarding it will benefit Pakistan. The second is inference based, comparing CPEC with Suez Canal and Panama Canals



CPEC: Projects details

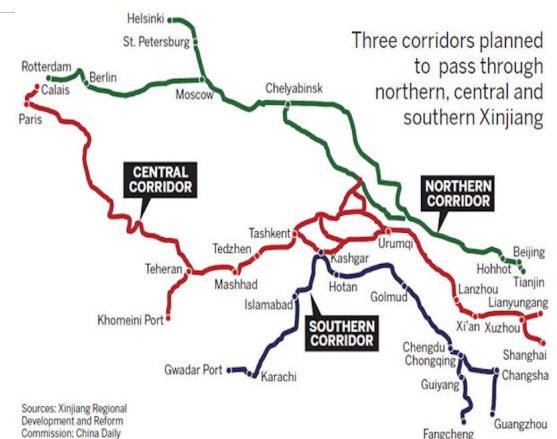
## Results

- This thesis demonstrates that CPEC will be beneficial for Pakistan. Inferences drawn from a comparison with the Suez and Panama Canals show that CPEC has the potential to create positive economic growth.

## The "So What"

- Support CPEC for regional stability
- What is the impact on regional stability against China perusing its goal of OBOR initiative?
- What could be done to protect CPEC through an international treaty, in line with Suez and Panama Canals?

## Next Steps



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