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Rich natural resources and a pivotal geopolitical location make the Central Asian region a prime focus of attention for global powers and international multi-national companies. Central Asia is a key region in the implementation of China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). It is not surprising that Chinese President Xi Jinping announced the launch of this ambitious initiative in Kazakhstan's capital city Astana in September 2013. Substantial political change is imminent: New transportation initiatives by China, Russia, Iran, Azerbaijan and Turkey will, if implemented, reduce isolation from world markets and improve access for Central Asia's inexpensive workforce and 60 million consumers. Meanwhile countries are entering new stages in their political and economic transformation. As a result, political stability and the investment climate are likely to change significantly. The paper presented in this workshop addresses the policies of key powers towards the Central Asian region, namely China, Russia, and the West, and also analyzes developments which are taking place inside the states of the region, namely in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan.

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