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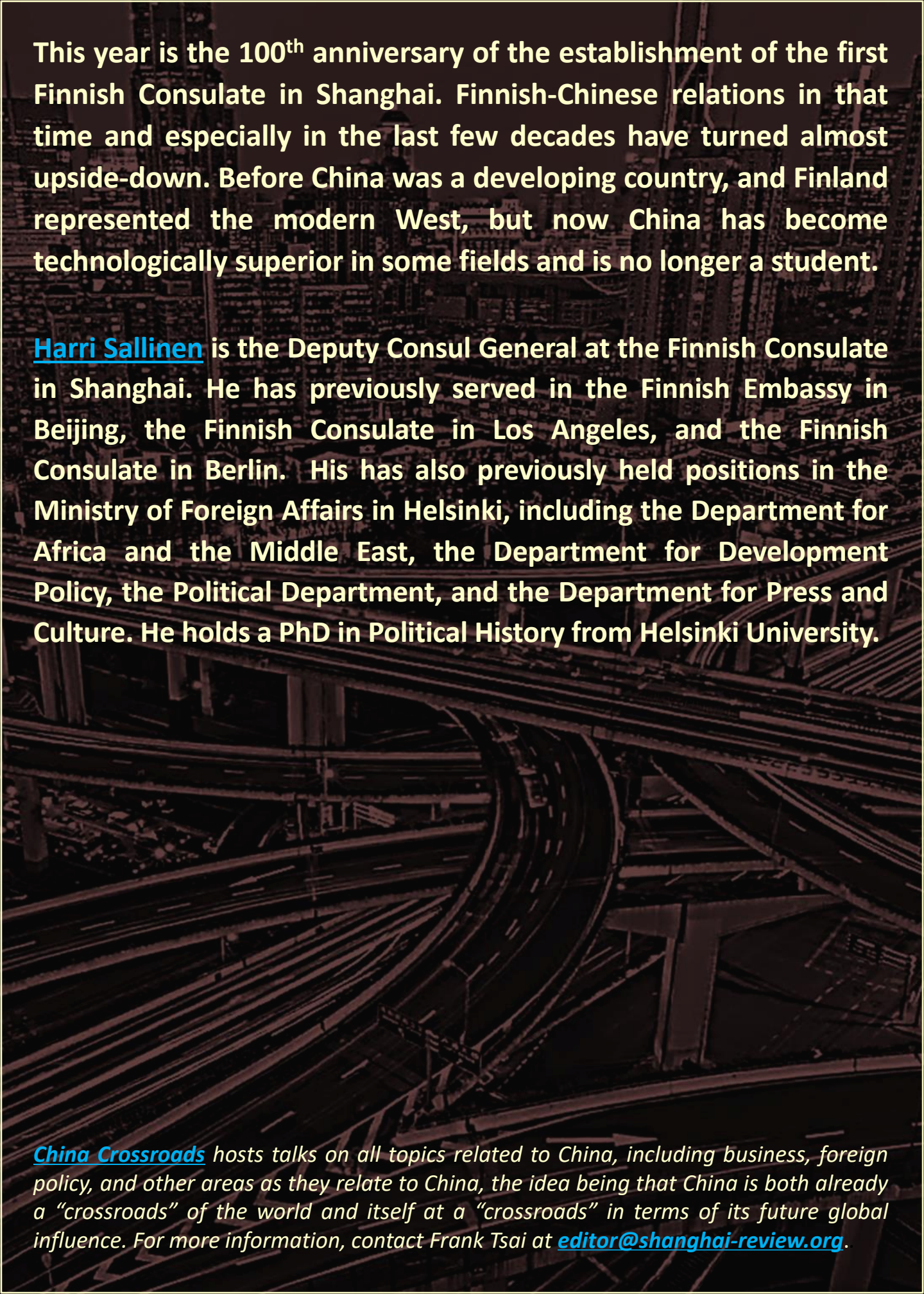


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This year is the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the first Finnish Consulate in Shanghai. Finnish-Chinese relations in that time and especially in the last few decades have turned almost upside-down. Before China was a developing country, and Finland represented the modern West, but now China has become technologically superior in some fields and is no longer a student.

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