



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The EU-China Bilateral Comprehensive Agreement on Investment (CAI)

Brussels, 15 May 2017

European Economic and Social Committee, 9-17:30 h

The EU-China Research Centre and the Baillet Latour Chair of European Union-China Relations at the College of Europe invite scholars and experts to the conference “The EU-China Bilateral Comprehensive Agreement on Investment (CAI)”, to be held on 15 May 2017 at the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Monday, 15 May 2017

Venue: *European Economic and Social Committee, Rue Belliard 99, 1000 Brussels
Room JDE 62*

9:00-9:30 **Registration and welcome coffee**

9:30-9:40 **Welcome**

- Prof. Dr. Sieglinde GSTÖHL, Director of Studies, Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy, College of Europe
- Mr Luis PLANAS PUCHADES, Secretary-General of the European Economic and Social Committee, Brussels

9:40-10:10 **Keynote speeches**

- Mr Mauro PETRICCIONE, Deputy Director General, DG TRADE
- *Chinese official from the Mission to the EU (Minister Counsellor) (tbc)*
- **Moderator:** Prof. Dr. Sieglinde GSTÖHL, Director of studies, Department of International Relations and Diplomacy, College of Europe



10:10-10:15 **Group picture**

10:15-12:10 **PANEL 1: political implications**

Moderator: Prof ZHANG Haiyan, NEOMA Business School

Discussant: *MEP (tbc)*

Speakers:

- Mr Ben DUKE, Keele University: *The Role of Comprehensive Agreement on Investment (CAI) in Harmonising a Bi-Lateral Market: The Politics of Trade Negotiations between the EU and China*
- Prof Louis BRENNAN, Trinity College Dublin: *Whither the EU-China Bilateral Comprehensive Agreement on Investment in an era of disruption, uncertainty and turbulence?*
- Dr YAN Shaohua, Guangdong Institute for International Strategies: *Shaping EU Investment Policy: the European Parliament and EU-China Negotiation on a Bilateral Comprehensive Agreement on Investment*

12:10-13:10 Lunch (will be served outside the conference room)

13:10-15:00 **PANEL 2: economic implications**

Moderator: Gabriel GRESILLON, Brussels correspondent, Les Echos

Discussant: Dr Pierre GROENING, Director International Trade Policy, Foreign Trade Association

Speakers:

- Ms Insa EWERT, German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA): *How to engage with China? - The EU-China CAI in an environment of changing economic governance*
- Dr Maria GARCIA, University of Bath: *Between a rock and a hard place? EU-China Investment Strategies and the Investment Agreement*
- Prof ZHANG Haiyan, NEOMA Business School:
- Ms Eugenia Costanza LAURENZA, Senior Public Affairs Manager for Trade and Competition Policy, Huawei Technologies Brussels Office

15:00-15:15 Coffee break

15:15-17:05 **PANEL 3: legal implications**

Moderator: Dr ZHOU Xiaohong, Deputy Representative, China Chamber of International Commerce



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Discussant: Alexandra KOUTOGLIDOU, Investment Negotiator, DG Trade, European Commission

Speakers:

- Ms WANG Qian (France), Chinese University of Hong Kong: *EU-China Investment Agreement: investment protection and beyond*
- Ms Flavia MARISI, Chinese University of Hong Kong: *Transparency in the EU-China CAI: a forecasting perspective*
- Prof LI Yuwen, Erasmus University Rotterdam: *Reforming the Investor-State Dispute Settlement Regime: What Can Be Expected from the EU-China BIT Negotiations*
- Dr Alessandro SPANO, King's College London: *The EU-China Bilateral Comprehensive Agreement on Investment (CAI) and the EU principle of effective judicial protection: challenges ahead*

17:05-17:20 **Closing speech**

- Prof. Dr. Sieglinde GSTÖHL, Director of studies, Department of International Relations and Diplomacy, College of Europe (tbc)
- Mr Christian EWERT, Director General, Foreign Trade Association (tbc)