



CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

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The **Baillet Latour Chair of European Union-China Relations** and the **EU-China Research Centre** at the **College of Europe** (Bruges) are calling for contributions to the third issue of the *EU-China Observer* of 2016. The issue will focus on **EU-China Cooperation in Global Governance**.

China's rise and its implications for global governance have been the centre of debates for the last two decades. With its growing economic weight, which is going hand in hand with an increase of foreign currency reserves, China has *de facto* become a major actor in global (economic and financial) affairs over the last 10-15 years. The Bretton Woods institutions, however, which were put in place after WWII, have not met these changes with reforms that would reflect the new reality. As regards global challenges such as peace and security, poverty reduction and sustainable development, climate change, energy supply and environment protection, the UN does not seem to have the necessary decision-making structures at its disposal to effectively tackle global issues.

In the meantime, new fora to discuss global issues such as the G-20, and the BRICS have emerged, in which China plays a more prominent role. Moreover, in the field of economic and financial governance, China has come up with initiatives such as the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and the BRICS'-led New Development Bank (NDB). For the AIIB, China has tried to involve a large number of countries to give this new institution legitimacy and weight. How has the EU reacted to such initiatives? Has the EU been able to develop a cohesive approach in order to push their own agenda?

In China's latest Five-Year Plan, the country presents itself as a more active participant in global economic governance, which will support major global and regional governance and cooperation platforms, and contribute to a "fair and reasonable global governance mechanism". If China wants to play a more prominent role, the G-20 summit in September 2016 in Hangzhou will provide its leaders the right stage to present their strategy. It will also be interesting to see what the EU and China have in common in global governance and whether they are able to develop joint answers to global challenges.

The forthcoming issue of the *EU-China Observer* would like to explore EU-China cooperation/competition in global governance, covering the full range of global challenges, such as global economic and financial governance, environmental issues, security and energy issues as well as the role of existing and emerging institutions. In order to reflect recent Chinese global and regional initiatives, we are particularly looking for contributions exploring these in more detail. Contributions for the next issue of the *EU-China Observer* may cover – but are not limited to – the following topics:

- EU-China cooperation in G-20 – A success story?
- The role of the EU-China strategic partnership in global governance
- The AIIB and Europe's place in this new institution
- The global trade regime - WTO vs bilateral trade agreements
- Papers covering general issues of EU-China relations in global climate, security, energy governance

Please send your contributions to EUCO@coleurope.eu by **30 July 2016**. For any questions related to the *EU-China Observer*, please do not hesitate to contact us via the e-mail address mentioned above.

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