

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

EU-CHINA 2020 STRATEGIC AGENDA FOR COOPERATION



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Launched in 2013, the EU-China 2020 Strategic Agenda for Cooperation is an ambitious goal-setting document covering a wide range of initiatives in the fields of 'peace and security', 'prosperity', 'sustainable development', and 'people-to-people exchanges'. As the 2020 'deadline' approaches, hurdles and tensions remaining in both bilateral ties and at global level certainly complicate the achievement of many of the goals set in the Agenda. Nevertheless, the EU and China still could be facing an unprecedented opportunity to step up their cooperation. This international conference brings together a wide range of top-level international academics, practitioners and policymakers to set the stage for a crucial stocktaking exercise, aimed at assessing the scale and scope of both progress and problems in relations between the EU and China, as well as their mutual perceptions.

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Conference venue: EESC, VMA3, rue Van Maerlant 2, 1000 Brussels



PROGRAMME

9:00 **Registration**

9:30 **Opening of the conference**

Opening greetings and introduction

Dr. Jing MEN, Baillet Latour Chair of EU-China Relations and Director of EU-China Research Centre, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies Department, College of Europe

Welcome speech

Sir Graham WATSON, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee; former Member of the European Parliament and Leader of the Parliament's Liberal Democratic Group

9:45 **KEYNOTE ADDRESSES**

H.E. Ming ZHANG, Ambassador, Head of the Chinese Mission to the European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PRC

Weiyi XIAN, Minister Counsellor – *on behalf of the Ambassador*

H.E. Viorel ISTICIOAIA, Ambassador at-large-for-Asian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania

George CUNNINGHAM, Directorate for the Asia-Pacific, European Union External Action Service

10:30 **Coffee break and group photo** (*for conference speakers*)

11:00 **PANEL 1: Traditional issues, Non-Traditional Actors**

Chair: *Mario TELO*, Professor, Université Libre de Bruxelles and LUISS "Guido Carli"; Member of the Royal Academy of Sciences

EU-China Security Relations in a Changing Global Context

Emil J. KIRCHNER, Jean Monnet Professor and Coordinator of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, University of Essex

The Role of the European Parliament in EU-China Relations

Davor JANCIC, Lecturer in Law, Department of Law, Queen Mary University of London

The Urbanisation dialogue

Tomasz KAMINSKI PhD, Assistant professor, Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of International and Political Studies, University of Lodz

12:30 **Lunch** (will be served outside the conference room)

14:00 **PANEL 2: Collective Efforts for Sustainable Development**

Chair: *Bernard DEWIT*, Chairman, Belgian-Chinese Chamber of Commerce

Procurement Cooperation between the European Union and China

Dexine SHEN, Budget and Finance manager, Belgian Federal Administration

Decent Work and Corporate Social Responsibility: A Stocktake of Regulatory Developments in China

Mimi ZOU PhD, Fellow in Chinese Commercial Law, University of Oxford

Innovation and Circular Economy Policies. Understanding the Scope of Reinforced EU China Environmental Partnership across the Eurasian landmass

Arvea MARIENI, Principal Consultant, GcM Consulting, Turin

Corrado CLINI, International Executive Advisor on Environment and Health; Member of the Advisory Board of the Global Energy Interconnection, Development and Organisation (GEIDCO); former Minister for the Environment of Italy

15:30 **PANEL 3: Changing Economic and Political Dimensions**

Chair: *Dr. Duncan FREEMAN*, Research Fellow of EU-China Research Centre, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies Department, College of Europe

Trade and Politics. Theoretical Remarks on the China-EU Partnership

Furio CERUTTI, Professor of Political Philosophy Emeritus, University of Florence; Affiliate Professor, Scuola Superiore S. Anna, Pisa



The Cross-Border E-Commerce between EU and China, Current Trend and Future Perspectives

Lun LI, PhD candidate, National Centre for Research on Europe, University of Canterbury, New Zealand

EU-China Strategic partnership in Artificial Intelligence

Paramjeet SINGH BERWAL, lawyer; invited Lecturer of EU Intellectual Property law, EU Competition Law and International Investment Law, Tbilisi State University and University of Georgia

What future for the EU-China 2020 Strategic Agenda after Brexit?

John RYAN, Professor, Fellow at IDEAS Centre for the Study of International Affairs, Diplomacy and Grand Strategy, The London School of Economics and Political Science

17:15 **Closing remarks**

Dr. Jing MEN, Baillet Latour Chair of EU-China Relations and Director of EU-China Research Centre, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies Department, College of Europe