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## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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### “The EU and China: Partners or Competitors in Africa?”

College of Europe, Dijver 11, Bruges, Belgium, room E

Thursday, 4 February & Friday, 5 February 2010

#### Thursday, 4 February 2010

##### 09:00 – 09:30 WELCOME SPEECHES

Prof. **Paul Demaret**, Rector – College of Europe  
Mr. **Alain De Waele**, Secretary-General of the InBev-Baillet Latour Fund

##### 09:30 – 10:55 PANEL 1 - EU AND CHINA IN AFRICA: GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

Chair: Prof. **Dieter Mahncke**, Director, Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe

Presentations: Mr. **Uwe Wissenbach**, Delegation of the European Commission to South Korea, *Much Ado about Nothing: China's Quest for a Place under the African Sun*  
Prof. **Suisheng Zhao**, University of Denver, *China's Delicate Balance between Engagement with Africa and Relations with the Western Powers*  
Prof. **Bo Zhiyue**, University of Singapore, *China's Design of Global Governance: the Role of Africa*  
Prof. **Francis Botchway**, University of Hull, *Regime Theory and China-Africa Economic Relations: New or Old Order?*

Discussant: Dr. **Martyn Davies**, Director, Gordon Institute of Business Science, Pretoria University

##### 10:55 – 11:10 COFFEE BREAK (Room D)



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**11:10 – 12:20      PANEL 2 - EU AND CHINA IN AFRICA: THE SECURITY DIMENSION**

Chair: Prof. **Sieglinde Gstöhl**, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe

Presentations: Mr. **Thomas Wheeler**, China Programme, Saferworld, United Kingdom, *Tackling the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons Proliferation: An Opportunity for China-EU Cooperation*  
Mr. **Quentin Weiler**, DG RELEX, European Commission, and Mr. **Joris Larik**, PhD Candidate, European University Institute, *Going Naval in Troubled Waters: the EU, China and the Fight Against Piracy off the Coast of Somalia*  
Ambassador **Philip Idro**, Executive Director, Upland Rice Millers Company Ltd., Uganda, *Is China a Threat to African Security? Some Current Thoughts in Africa*

Discussant: Prof. **Xinning Song**, Senior Research Fellow & Jean Monnet Professor, UNU-CRIS & Renmin University of China

**12:20 – 14:20      SOUTH AFRICAN LUNCH**

**14:20 – 16:00      PANEL 3 - EU AND CHINA IN AFRICA: ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND COMPETITION**

Chair: Prof. **Pierre Defraigne**, Executive Director of Madariaga – College of Europe Foundation

Presentations: Dr. **Eric Kehinde Ogunleye**, Research Fellow, African Center for Economic Transformation, Ghana, *The EU and China: Friends or Foes for Sustainable Regional Infrastructure Development and Resource Extraction in Africa?*  
Ms. **Nayia Pyridi**, PhD Candidate, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, *Africa's Odious Regimes, China's Subsidised Loans and the EU's Millennium Standards on Responsible Development Finance and Credible Lending: Searching for Economic Justice and Development in Africa*  
Mr. **Lawal Gada**, Africa Foundation for the Environment and Climate Change, Nigeria, *Towards a Better and Harmonious EU-China Economic Cooperation and Competition in Africa*



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Mr. **Uche Igwe**, Civil Society Liaison, Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, *China's Quest for Oil: Implications on Nigeria's Energy Future*

Discussant: Mr. **Zhang Xiaotong**, Trade Attaché to the Chinese Mission to the European Union

**16:00 – 16:15** *COFFEE BREAK (Room D)*

**16:15 – 17:25** **PANEL 4 – EU AND CHINA IN AFRICA: CONFLICTS, HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION AND NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY**

Chair: Prof. **Jing Men**, Chairholder, InBev-Baillet Latour Chair of EU-China Relations

Presentations: Mr. **David Fouquet**, The Asia Europe Project, Brussels, *The Geopolitics of China's Presence in East Africa. A Potential Axis of Conflict*  
Ms. **Sara Van Hoeymissen**, PhD Candidate, K.U. Leuven, *China, Sovereignty and the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflicts in Africa: Emergence of a "Third Paradigm of International Intervention"?*  
Prof. **Bi Jianxiang**, University of West England, Bristol, *Ethical Power China: Peacekeeping Missions in Africa*

Discussant: Ambassador **Philip Idro**, Executive Director, Upland Rice Millers Company Ltd., Uganda

**19:00** *DINNER at Maximiliaan van Oostenrijk, Bruges*



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**Friday, 5 February 2010**

**09:30 – 10:55**      **PANEL 5 – EU AND CHINA IN AFRICA: CLASHING MODELS OF SOCIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT?**

Chair:                    Prof. **Sylvain Plasschaert**, Faculty of Business and Economics, K.U. Leuven

Presentations:        Dr. **Martyn Davies**, Director, Gordon Institute of Business Science, Pretoria University, *How China is Influencing Africa's Development*  
Mr. **Hung Wing Lok**, Research Assistant, Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, *Doing Business with Foreign Aid: a Comparative Study of Chinese and Western Official Development Aid to Africa*  
Ms. **Christine Hackenesch**, Researcher, German Development Institute, *Does the Dragon Overshadow Lady Europe's Eminence? The European Commission's Promotion of Good Governance and Chinese Influence in Africa*  
Mr. **Zhang Xinghui**, Brussels Correspondent – China Youth Daily, *China's Aid to Africa: Challenge to the EU?*

Discussant:            Mr. **Uwe Wissenbach**, Delegation of the European Commission to South Korea

**10:55 – 11:10**      **COFFEE BREAK (Room D)**

**11:10 – 12:35**      **PANEL 6 – EU AND CHINA IN AFRICA: CONFLICTING NORMATIVE POWERS?**

Chair:                    Mr. **Nick Costello**, Relations with China, Japan and the Republic of Korea, DG Development and Relations with ACP Countries, European Commission

Presentations:        Prof. **Ian Taylor**, University of St. Andrews, *EU's Perceptions and Interests towards China's Rising Influence on Human Rights in Africa*  
Prof. **Liu Lirong**, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, *EU and China: Consultative and Normative Foreign Policy in Africa*  
Prof. **Anna Visvizi**, American College of Greece, Athens, *The EU and China in Africa: Partnership for a Sustainable Business Environment*



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Prof. **Carmen Amado Mendes**, University of Coimbra, Portugal, *The Macao Forum and the Chinese Presence in Africa: Implications to Sino-European Relations*

Discussant: Mr. **Geoffrey Harris**, Head of Human Rights Unit at the European Parliament

**12:35 – 14:30** **LUNCH BUFFET**

**14:30 – 15:55** **PANEL 7 – EU AND CHINA IN AFRICA: DOES CULTURE PLAY A ROLE?**

Chair: Prof. **Eric Florence**, Visiting Chinese Language Professor at the College of Europe and Researcher at the Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies, University of Liège, Belgium

Presentations: Prof. **Li Anshan**, Director of the Institute of Afro-Asian Studies SIS, Peking University, *Cultural Heritage and China's African Policy*  
Dr. **Angelos Sepos**, University of Manchester, *Imperial Power Europe? The EU's Relations with Africa*  
Dr. **Alex Vines**, Head of Africa Programme at Chatham House, United Kingdom, *Is History a Burden for Europeans in Africa?*  
Ms. **Frauke Austermann**, PhD Candidate, Free University Berlin, *Towards a 'Unitary Actor'? Perceptions of China's Role in Africa across EU Institutions*

Discussant: Prof. **Ian Taylor**, University of St. Andrews, United Kingdom

**15:55 – 16:10** **CLOSING SESSION**

Speaker: Prof. **Jing Men**, InBev-Baillet Latour Professor of European Union-China Relations, College of Europe

**19:00** **DINNER at Restaurant China, Bruges**