

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

THE EU AND CHINA: CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY DIPLOMACY

Brussels, 2 May 2016

European Economic and Social Committee, 8.30 h – 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 and China: Climate Change and Energy Diplomacy”, to be held on 2 May 2016 in the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels.

PROGRAMME

Monday, 2 May 2016

Venue: European Economic and Social Committee, Rue Belliard 99, 1000 Brussels

Room JDE 62 & Atrium 6

8:30-9:00 **Registration**

9:00-9:10 **Welcome**

- Mr. Luis PLANAS PUCHADES, Secretary-General of the European Economic and Social Committee, Brussels
- Dr. Jing MEN, Director of the EU-China Research Centre and Baillet Latour Chair of EU-China Relations, Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

9:10-9:30 **Keynote speeches**

- Ms. Brenda KING, President of the EESC Sustainable Development Observatory, European Economic and Social Committee, Brussels

9:30-11:00 **PANEL 1: COP21 - Assessment of the outcome and the way forward: what role(s) for China and the EU?**

Moderator: Mr. Philip OWEN, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Climate Action, European Commission, Brussels

Speakers:

- Dr. Diarmuid TORNEY, Lecturer in International Relations, School of Law and Government, Dublin City University
 - *“Ten Years of EU-China Environmental Relations: An Assessment of Cooperation on Emissions Trading and Environmental Governance” (Co-author: Dr. Olivia GIPPNER)*
- Dr. Cong FU, Associate Professor, Institute of European Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing
 - *“Review of China-EU Climate Change Cooperation on COP21: Challenges and Prospects”*
- Dr. Wei TANG, Associate Professor, Institute of International Relations, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences
 - *“The New Role of China in Climate Governance”*
- Dr. Olivia GIPPNER, Dahrendorf Postdoctoral Fellow EU-China Relations, LSE IDEAS, London
 - *“China-EU Climate Relations and the Role of the European Investment Bank”*

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:45 **PANEL 2: The low-carbon society: aims and visions in China and the EU**

Moderator: Mr. Xumin ZHANG, Counsellor of Mission of the People’s Republic of China to the European Union, Brussels

Speakers:

- Dr. Huiming LI, Associate Professor, School of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Jinan
 - *“China’s Contribution to the Paris Agreement and Green Development Cooperation Strategy between China and EU”*

- Dr. Claire GAVARD, Researcher, Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW), Department of Environmental and Resource Economics, Environmental Management, Mannheim
 - *"Limited carbon trading as a climate cooperation mechanism between the EU and China?" (Co-authors: Niven WINCHESTER and Sergey PALTSEV)*
- Mr. Nikita MAKARCHEV, PhD candidate, Cambridge University
 - *"Principles and Determinants of EU-China's Low Carbon Society Visions: A Sociological Re-evaluation"*
- Mr. Yixian SUN, PhD candidate, SNSF Doc.CH Fellow, Centre for International Environmental Studies, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva
 - *"Transnational Diffusion of Voluntary Carbon Offsets and China-Europe Climate Cooperation"*

12:45-14:00 Group photo and lunch (*will be served in Atrium 6*)

14:00-15:30 **PANEL 3: Cooperation on energy technologies: partnership or competition?**

Moderator: Ms. Andreea STRACHINESCU, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Energy, European Commission, Brussels

Speakers:

- Dr. Radostina PRIMOVA, Director Climate and Sustainable Development Programme, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union, Brussels
 - *"The Potential of City and Regional Partnerships in the Context of EU-China Climate Dialogue in driving Low-Carbon Urban Development"*
- Mr. Vitas MACIULIS, Rapporteur, European Economic and Social Committee, Brussels
 - *"The External Dimension of the EU Energy Policy"*
- Dr. Louise CURRAN, Lecturer in International Business, Toulouse Business School
 - *"Chinese Investment in the EU Renewable Energy Sector: Motives, Impediments and Policy Implications" (Co-authors: Dr. Francesca SPIGARELLI, Dr. Ping LV)*

- Ms. Léa PILSNER, PhD candidate, University of Leeds
 - *“EU-China Energy Relations at a Turning Point? Lessons on the Way Forward from Practitioners in the Field”*

15:30-15:45 Coffee break

15:45-17:15 **PANEL 4: The geopolitics of energy security: what is at stake for the EU and China?**

Moderator: Dr. Simon SCHUNZ, Professor, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies Department, College of Europe, Bruges

Speakers:

- Dr. Maria KOTTARI, Doctor of International, European & Regional Studies at Panteion University of Athens
 - *“The Sino-European Nexus. Variations on Energy Security Theme”*
- Dr. Jeremy Alan GARLICK, Lecturer in International Relations, Jan Masaryk Centre for International Studies, University of Economics in Prague
 - *“A New Synergy: Enhancing the Energy Security of Europe and China through Cooperation rather than Competition”*
- Dr. Duncan FREEMAN, Research Fellow, Brussels Academy of China and European Studies (BACES), Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)
 - *“The EU and China: Energy Policy Interactions and Interdependence Direct and Indirect Geo-Economic Interactions between the EU’s and China’s Internal Energy Policies” (Co-authors: Dr. Thomas SATTICH)*
- Dr. Zhigao HE, Research Assistant, Institute of European Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing
 - *“The Energy Security Cooperation between the EU and China in Middle East”*

17:15-17:30 **Closing speech**

- Mr. Jo LEINEN, Chairman of the China Delegation, European Parliament, Brussels