

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Belt and Road Initiative: EU-China Logistics and Supply Chain

Bruges, 23 November 2017

PROGRAMME

9:00-9:30 Registration and welcome coffee

9:30-10:20 Introduction session: Policy in the EU and China on Connectivity

Moderator: Prof. Jing MEN, Baillet Latour Chair of EU-China relations and Director of EU-China Research Centre, College of Europe

Speakers:

- Mr. Laurent BARDON, European Commission, DG Trade : *Belt and Road Initiative: open for EU business?*
- Mr. Minglong TANG, Head of Unit for Economic Development, Department of Western Region Development, National Development and Reform Commission of the PRC

10:20-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-12:30 PANEL 1: B&R- Geopolitical and geo-economic implications

Moderator: Mr. Jo LEINEN MEP, President of the EP Delegation for Relations with the PRC
Speakers:

- Prof. Richard T. GRIFFITHS, Leiden University: *Whose 'Belt and Road' is it?*
- Ms. CHEN Xuechen (Iris) and Ms. GAO Xinchuchu (Chuchu), King's College London: *Pursuing a Common Goal in Different Ways? An Analysis of the Perception Gap Between BRI and the EU's Connectivity Strategy*
- Dr. Karen JACKSON and Dr. Oleksandr SHEPOTYLO, University of Westminster/University of Bradford: *'Belt and Road': the 'China Dream'? A Structural Gravity Model Approach*
- Dr. George TZOGOPOULOS, Senior Research Fellow and Advisor for EU-China Relations at CIFE: *Chinese Investments in Greece and their Impact*

12:30-13:30 Lunch (will be served outside the conference room)

13:30-15:20 **PANEL 2: The Belt and Road Connectivity**

Moderator: Mr. Godfried SMIT, LLm, European Shippers' Council

Speakers:

- Prof. Jing MEN, Baillet Latour Chair of EU-China relations and Director of EU-China Research Centre, College of Europe: *The China Railway Express: Opportunities and Challenges*
- Dr. Ivaylo GATEV, University of Nottingham, Campus Ningbo: *Standardisation along the Silk Road Economic Belt*
- Dr. Kaho YU, Harvard Kennedy School: *Growing Chinese Investment in Energy Ports under the Belt and Road Initiative: Implications for the European Union*
- Prof. Dr. Thierry VANELSLANDER, Department of Transport and Regional Economics, University of Antwerp: *OBOR: User Opportunities through Chair Cost Calculations*

15:20-15:40 Coffee break

15:40-17:15 **PANEL 3: China-Europe logistical challenges and opportunities**

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Thierry VANELSLANDER, Department of Transport and Regional Economics, University of Antwerp

Speakers:

- Ms. Susanne AIGNER, European Commission, DG TAXUD: *European Union Customs Legislation and Approach, Opportunities and Challenges*
- Mr. Sergio BARBARINO, P&G: *One Belt One road, an Opportunity for Synchromodality?*
- Mr. Wessel SIJL, DB Cargo Nederland N.V. : *Challenges for an Efficient Customs Settlement in Rail Transport to and from China. Logistical and Legal Aspects*
- Mr. Karl GHEYSEN, NC "KAZAKHSTAN RAILWAYS" JSC: *The New Silk Road - Connecting Western China with Western Europe. Opportunities and Threats for European Logistics*

17:15 Closing remarks

- Prof. Jing MEN, Baillet Latour Chair of EU-China relations and Director of EU-China Research Centre, College of Europe
- Mr. Godfried SMIT, LLm, European Shippers' Council