

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The EU-China Bilateral Comprehensive Agreement on Investment (CAI)

Brussels, 15 May 2017

European Economic and Social Committee, 9-17:30 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-China Bilateral Comprehensive Agreement on Investment (CAI)”, to be held on 15 May 2017 at the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels.

PROGRAMME

Monday, 15 May 2017

Venue: European Economic and Social Committee, Rue Belliard 99, 1000 Brussels
Room JDE 62

9:00-9:30 Registration and welcome coffee

9:30-9:40 Welcome

- Prof. Dr. Sieglinde GSTÖHL, Director of Studies, Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy, College of Europe
- Mr Luis PLANAS PUCHADES, Secretary-General of the European Economic and Social Committee, Brussels

9:40-10:10 Keynote speeches

- Mr Mauro PETRICCIONE, Deputy Director General, DG TRADE
- Ms CHAI Xiaolin, Minister (Economic and Commercial Affairs), Mission of the People's Republic of China to the European Union
- **Moderator:** Prof. Dr. Sieglinde GSTÖHL, Director of studies, Department of International Relations and Diplomacy, College of Europe

10:10-10:15 **Group picture**

10:15-12:10 PANEL 1: political implications

Moderator: Prof ZHANG Haiyan, NEOMA Business School

Discussant: Mr Bernard DEWIT, Chairman, Belgian-Chinese Chamber of Commerce (BCECC)

Speakers:

- Prof SONG Xinning, Jean Monnet Chair ad personam and Research Director of the Centre for European Studies at Renmin University of China: *EU-China BIT: Chinese Perspectives*
- Dr Duncan FREEMAN, Research Fellow, EU-China Research Centre, College of Europe: *BITs and Policy: Bilateral and Domestic Dimensions in China's Approach to ODI Governance*
- Dr YAN Shaohua, Guangdong Institute for International Strategies: *Shaping EU Investment Policy: the European Parliament and EU-China Negotiation on a Bilateral Comprehensive Agreement on Investment*

12:10-13:10 Lunch (will be served outside the conference room)

13:10-15:00 PANEL 2: economic implications

Moderator: Gabriel GRESILLON, Brussels correspondent, Les Echos

Discussant: Dr Pierre GROENING, Director International Trade Policy, Foreign Trade Association

Speakers:

- Dr Maria GARCIA, University of Bath: *Between a rock and a hard place? EU-China Investment Strategies and the Investment Agreement*
- Prof ZHANG Haiyan, NEOMA Business School: *EU-China Cross-border Investment at the Industrial Level: Evidences and Trends*
- Ms Eugenia Costanza LAURENZA, Senior Public Affairs Manager for Trade and Competition Policy, Huawei Technologies Brussels Office

15:00-15:15 Coffee break

15:15-17:05 PANEL 3: legal implications

Moderator: Dr ZHOU Xiaohong, Deputy Representative, China Chamber of International Commerce

Discussant: Dr HU Weinian, Research Fellow, Centre for Private and Economic Law, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Speakers:

- Prof LI Yuwen, Erasmus University Rotterdam: *Reforming the Investor-State Dispute Settlement Regime: What Can Be Expected from the EU-China BIT Negotiations*
- Ms WANG Qian (Frances), Chinese University of Hong Kong: *EU-China Investment Agreement: investment protection and beyond*
- Ms Flavia MARISI, Chinese University of Hong Kong: *Transparency in the EU-China CAI: a forecasting perspective*
- Dr Alessandro SPANO, King's College London: *The EU-China Bilateral Comprehensive Agreement on Investment (CAI) and the EU principle of effective judicial protection: challenges ahead*

17:05-17:20 **Closing speech**

- Dr Duncan FREEMAN, Research Fellow, EU-China Research Centre, College of Europe