EU-China Strategic Dialogue 2016

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Programme

9:00-9:30	**Registration and welcome coffee**

9:30-9:45	**Opening remarks**

Antonio Missiroli, *Director, EUISS*

Zhang Jian, *Director, CICIR Institute of European Studies*

9:45-11:15	**Session 1	Ranking security challenges: priorities for China and the EU**

The world is in flux. The global balance of power is shifting, and the number, intensity and variety of security threats are growing. What are the key security challenges for China and Europe? What areas have the potential to draw the two partners closer together? Which concrete roles emerge for both partners from their cooperation? How can the EU and China cooperate within existing global governance institutions? What are the domestic and global challenges both partners face in engaging with each other?

Chair	Zhang Jian *Director, CICIR Institute for European Studies*
Speaker 1 (EU)	Ellis Mathews *Head of Division, China, Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, Mongolia* *European External Action Service*
Speaker 2 (China)	Senior Captain Zheng Hong *Head of the Maritime Security & Policy Research Section* *People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy, Military Academy*
Discussant 1 (EU)	Bruno Hellendorff *Research Fellow,* *Group for Research and Information on Peace and Security*
Discussant 2 (China)	Chen Yang, *Associate Research Professor,* *CICIR Institute of European Studies*

11:15-11:30	**Coffee break**

11:30-13:00   Session 2 | Africa: the next frontier for EU-China security cooperation

As Africa's two biggest trading partners, China and the EU share a significant stake in the continent's economic development and stability. China's FDI to Africa has been rising together with its increasingly active involvement in UN peacekeeping missions. For its part, the EU has been one of the largest long-term investors in regional development and security, including through its numerous CSDP missions and institutional capacity building. As security challenges on the continent multiply, how can the EU and China cooperate to create a secure and stable political and economic environment? What are the obstacles they have to clear along this way?

Chair	Theresa Fallon *Director, Centre for Russia Europe Asia Studies*
Speaker 1 (China)	Senior Colonel Dong Hongbin *Research Fellow, PLA Academy of Military Sciences*
Speaker 2 (EU)	Christopher Alden *Co-Head of the Africa International Affairs programme,* *London School of Economics*
Discussant 1 (China)	Qin Tian *Assistant Research Fellow,* *CICIR Institute of Middle East Studies*
Discussant 2 (EU)	Michal Makocki *Associate Analyst, EUISS* *Visiting Academic Fellow, MERICS*

13:00-14:00   Buffet lunch

14:00-15:30   Session 3 | 10 years from now: scenarios for future EU-China relations

Europe and China have rarely been closer. As trade, investments and diplomatic relations flourish, increasing cooperation can be recorded also in the field of international security, albeit its concrete contours and direction remain to be defined. What kind of actors are China and Europe likely to become in the possibly even more complex, connected and contested future? What are the key geopolitical trends likely to shape the world ten years from now? How can they affect the relationship between China and the EU? How can the EU and China cooperate within existing global governance institutions? What are the domestic and global challenges both partners face in engaging with each other?

Chair	Eva Pejsova *Senior Analyst, EUISS*
Speaker 1 (EU)	Gudrun Wacker *Senior Fellow, Asia Division,* *German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)*
Speaker 2 (China)	Zhang Jian *Director, CICIR Institute of European Studies*
Discussant 1 (EU)	Alice Ekman *Senior Associate Fellow, EUISS* *Head of China Research, Institut Français des Relations* *Internationales (IFRI)*
Discussant 2 (China)	Li Chao *Assistant Research Fellow,* *CICIR Institute of European Studies*

15:30-16:00   Conclusion and wrap-up