

# EU-China at 50: Prospects for the Future\*

**Date and Time:** May 12, 2025 (10:15-18:00)

**Venue:** Paleis der Academiën/Palais des Académies

**Address:** Hertogstraat 1 Brussel / Rue Ducale 1 Bruxelles



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Marking the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the European Union and the People's Republic of China, this conference will assess the opportunities to deepen the relationship and establish more concrete cooperation on issues of shared interest. The first session will look at global governance: global players have global responsibilities, notably in maintaining peace and security. Strong multilateral institutions and agreement on shared rules are key to stability in a multipolar world. The second panel will focus on the economic relationship: both the EU and China have an interest in maintaining global connectivity. A stable and equitable bilateral economic relationship is a pillar of the global economy. The last session will look at the human dimension: academic and cultural dialogue are essential to mutual understanding. More and deeper exchanges between the EU and China, at all levels, foster confidence.

### **Provisional Programme:**

10.15-11.30 Opening Address

- Prof. Dr Philippe De Maeyer, Permanent Secretary, RAOS
- Zhao Zhimin, Secretary General, CASS
- Mission of China to the EU
- European External Action Service

11.30-13.00 Panel 1: Global Economy

Chair: Prof. Dr Eberhard Sandschneider, Berlin Global Advisors

- Prof. Dr Sun Yanhong, Institute of European Studies, CASS
- Prof. Dr Tian Huifang, China-CEE Institute
- Dr Françoise Nicolas, Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI)
- Dr Tobias Gehrke, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) & Egmont

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Panel 2: Global Governance

Chair: Prof. Zhang Hai Yang, Institute of European Studies, CASS

- Prof. Dr Zhang Yongsheng, Institute for Eco-civilization, CASS
- Prof. Dr Zhao Chen, Institute of European Studies, CASS
- Dr Tim Rühlig, EU Institute for Security Studies
- Prof. Dr Sven Biscop, Egmont & Ghent University

15.30-16.00 Coffee

16.00-17.30 Panel 3: China- EU Dialogue

Chair: Prof.Dr Sven Biscop

- Prof.Dr Feng Zhongping, Institute of European Studies, CASS
- Prof.Dr Zhang Jinling, Institute of European Studies, CASS
- Prof. Dr Eberhard Sandschneider, Berlin Global Advisors
- Prof. Dr Bart Dessen, Ghent University, ReConnect China & Egmont Institute

17.30-17.45 Launch of the Special Issue of *Chinese Journal of European Studies* and Special Issue of the *Asia-Europe Journal*

17.45-18.00 Closing Remarks

Prof. Dr Feng Zhongping, Institute of European Studies, CASS  
Prof. Dr Sven Biscop, Egmont Institute & Ghent University

18.00-19.00 Reception

19.30-21.30 Dinner for speakers & organisers

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