

Pre-book launch conference programme

Security Relations between the European Union and China: From Convergence to Cooperation?

Date: Monday 9 November 2015

Venue: Egmont Palace (Orange Room), 8 place du Petit Sablon, 1000 Brussels

8:40-9:00 ***Arrival and registration (tea, coffee, juices and pastries)***

9:00-9:15 **Welcome and introduction to the EUSC project**
Presenter: Emil Kirchner, University of Essex

Panel 1
9:15-10:05 **EU-China traditional security issues (military, nuclear non-proliferation and regional)**
Chair: Sebastian Harnisch, Heidelberg University
Presenters: Simon Duke, EIPA, Maastricht
Reuben Wong, National University of Singapore
Nicola Casarini, IAI, Rome
Thomas Diez, Tübingen University

Panel 2
10:05-11:10 **EU-China non-traditional security issues (counter terrorism, cyber security, human security and civil protection)**
Chair: Thomas Renard, RIIR Egmont
Presenters: Raphael Bossong, European University Viadrina
Sebastian Bersick, Bochum University
George Christou, University of Warwick
Sebastian Harnisch, Heidelberg University
Evangelos Fanoulis, Metropolitan University Prague

11:10-11:30 ***Coffee, tea and soft drinks***

Panel 3
11:30-12:15

Summary of research findings and general discussions on the wider context for EU-China security relations (current regional/international developments)

Presenter/Moderator: Emil Kirchner, University of Essex

Discussion points:

- (1) The role (support/obstruction) the USA plays across the ten security dimensions. Why is it stronger in some and less in other security dimensions?
- (2) Can potential implications of the TPP and TTIP be noted for EU-China security relations?
- (3) Have EU-Russian tensions over the Ukraine affected (or are they likely to affect) EU-China security relations, and if so, in which security dimensions is this the case?
- (4) What potential impact will Chinese plans and/or actions on the “One Belt One Road” and the AIIB have on EU-China security relations? Will some security dimensions (e.g., cooperation on regional security, energy security, or counter-terrorism and organised crime) be more or less affected?
- (5) Has the Euro crisis negatively affected EU-China security relations, and if so in which security dimensions is this (or is this likely to be) the case?

Panel 4
12:15-13:00

General discussions on the evolution of EU-China security relations: present and future

Chair/Moderator: Emil Kirchner, University of Essex

Discussion points:

- (1) Is the evolution of EU-China security relations on an upward, stagnant or declining trajectory?
- (2) Has progress in EU-China security relations been greater in non-military than in military aspects of security?
- (3) Has any progress been made in narrowing the differences on sovereignty and non-intervention issues?
- (4) What role, if any, has the EU-China Strategic Partnership of 2003 played in the evolution of EU-China security relations?
- (5) What might be the effect of the EU-China 2020 Strategic Agenda for Cooperation on the future of EU-China security relations?

13:00-14:00

Buffet lunch in the Salon des Tapisseries

14:00

Finish of conference