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CEASG / ReConnect China roundtable: EU-China economic relations- exploring connections between words and deeds

Date: Friday 22 November 2024

Location: Van Swinderen Huys, Oude Boteringestraat 19.

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Programme

09:00-09:30 Doors open, coffee and tea served

09:30-09:45 Welcome and introduction

Panel 1: Discourse, narratives and rhetoric in China-EU economic relations

Chair: Prof. dr. Jan van der Harst (University of Groningen)

Timeslot: 09:45 -12:45

Presentations:

Presentation 1: Cristina Pinna (University of Groningen): "Crafting a Positive Self-Image on the Global Stage: China's Use of the Belt and Road Initiative as a Tool for Soft Power"

(09:45 - 10:00)

Presentation 2: Bart Dessein (Ghent University): "China's 'Sweet Seventeen' and 'Practice as the Sole Criterion of Truth'"

(10:00 - 10:15)



Presentation 3: Kun He (University of Groningen): “The Metaphorical Construction of Political Discourse: A Comparative Study on the “One Belt and One Road” Discourse from the Perspective of International Communication”

(10:15 - 10:30)

Q&A and discussion: 10:30 - 11:15

11:15- 11:35 Coffee break

Presentation 4: Joost Herman (University of Nottingham Ningbo): “Covid, Russia, Trump: Europe’s necessity to reconnect to China”

(11:35 – 11:50)

Presentation 5: Frank Gaenssmantel (University of Groningen): “European Union Discourse on China as an Economic Partner: Shifts and Reactions in the Xi Jinping era”

(11:50-12:05)

Q&A and discussion: 12:05 - 12:35

Lunch at hotel/restaurant Corps de Garde (Oude Boteringestraat 74): 12:45 – 14:15

Panel 2: The direction of EU-China economic relations

Chair: Prof. dr. Bart Dessein (Ghent University)

Timeslot: 14:15-17:15

Presentation 6: Ding Chun (Center for European Studies; Fudan University): “The status quo of Sino-EU economic and trade relations, with a focus on EV disputes”

(14:15 – 14:30)

Presentation 7: Martin Alberts (State of Hamburg; views expressed are his own): “Chinese investments in European ports: trends and reactions”

(14:30 – 14:45)



Presentation 8: Lukas Linsi (University of Groningen): “The ‘persistent myth’ of lost hegemony, 3.0: the West and ‘the Rest’ in an age of growing geoeconomic competition”

(14:45 – 15:00)

Q&A and discussion: 15:00 – 15:45

15:45-16:05 Coffee break

Presentation 9: Françoise Nicolas (IFRI Center for Asian Studies): “China-EU relations: turning de-risking into reality”

(16:05 - 16:20)

Presentation 10: Lin Goethals (European Institute for Asian Studies): “EU-China Relations Under the New European Commission: A Change in Direction?”

(16:20 – 16:35)

Q&A and discussion: 16:35 – 17:05

Closing remarks by 17:05-17:15

Dinner for invited participants at restaurant Feithuis, Martinikerkhof 10, Groningen from 18:30 hrs.