

ECRAN Annual Conference 2014

**China's Sustainable Growth and its Relationship with the EU**

**Wednesday 18 June**

Location: Palais d'Egmont, 8 bis, Place du Petit Sablon, 1000 Brussels

**Agenda**

**08.40-09.00 Registration**

**09.00-09.10 Introduction**

*Gerhard Sabathil*, Director – East Asia, Australia, Pacific, European External Action Service

*Kerry Brown*, Team Leader, ECRAN

**09.10-10.25 Regional issues**

*Principles and Interests: China's Foreign Policy and Domestic Imperatives*

*Giuseppe Gabusi*, Adjunct Professor, International Political Economy and Political Economy of East Asia, University of Turin and Head of Research, Torino World Affairs Institute

*EU-China Security Relations: East Asia as a Platform of Cooperation or Competition*

*Jing Men*, Director, EU-China Research Centre, College of Europe

*Drivers of Xi Jinping's Security Policy*

*Rebecca Fabrizi*, Associate Director, Australian Centre on China in the World, Australia National University

Chair: *Marc Otte*, Director General, Egmont Institute

**10.25-10.40 Coffee break**

**10.40-11.55 Global China**

*Sino-US Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific*

*Suisheng Zhao*, Executive Director, Center for China-US Cooperation at Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver

*The Current Drivers of China's Relations with the EU*

*Nicola Casarini*, Associate Fellow, European Union Institute for Security Studies

*EU-China Cooperation in International Politics: Rhetoric vs. Reality*

*Axel Berkofsky*, Senior Associate Research Fellow, Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale (ISPI), Milan

Chair: *Fraser Cameron*, Director, EU-Asia Centre



- 11.55-13.20**    **The Chinese economy under structural reform post the 2013 Plenum**  
*Go East: From Goods to People, Is China Ready?*  
Wei Shen, Associate Dean and Jean Monnet Chair in EU-Chinas Relations, ESSCA  
School of Management
- Urbanisation and Sustainability*  
Isabel Hilton, Editor, ChinaDialogue
- Understanding China's Generation Y: Economic Implications for the EU*  
Matevž Raškovič, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana
- China's Reforms: New Institutions, Changing Constraints and Incentives in the Chinese Economy?*  
Duncan Freeman, Research Fellow, Brussels Institute of Contemporary China Studies
- Chair: Kerry Brown, Team Leader, ECRAN
- 13.20-14.20**    **Lunch**
- 13.50-14.20**    **Lunchtime presentation**  
*Europe's Many Chinas*  
Peter Gries, Harold J. & Ruth Newman Chair and Director, Institute for US-China  
Issues, University of Oklahoma
- 14.20-15.45**    **Domestic challenges and the question of rule of law and rights**  
*Human Rights, Rule of Law and the New Reform Agenda: Striking Continuities,  
Changing State-Society Dynamics, and Drivers of Reform*  
Malin Oud, Managing Director, Tracktwo
- Constructive Engagement and Human Rights: The EU as an Agent of Change in China*  
Annabel Egan, Research Associate, Irish Centre for Human Rights, NUI Galway
- Xinjiang and the Rule of Law*  
Ondřej Klimeš, Research Fellow, Oriental Institute, Academy of Sciences of the Czech  
Republic
- The Tibet Crisis: Moving Beyond 'China's Tibet' vs 'Soft Underbelly of the Chinese  
Dragon' Paradigms*  
Dibyesh Anand, Associate Professor, University of Westminster
- Chair: Kerry Brown, Team Leader, ECRAN
- 15.45-16.00**    **Coffee break**



**16.00-17.00    The Xi Style of leadership**

*Another Paramount Leader? New Visions and Dilemmas of the CCP under Xi Jinping*  
*Heike Holbig, Professor of Political Science, Goethe University Frankfurt*

*The Xi Style of Leadership: New Ideas, Concepts and Institutions in Foreign Policy*  
*Gudrun Wacker, Senior Fellow, German Institute for International and Security Affairs*

Chair: *Kerry Brown, Team Leader, ECRAN*

**17.00-17.15    Conclusion**

*Kerry Brown, Team Leader, ECRAN*

**17.15-18.15    Drinks reception**

