Chinese Views of the EU: Disaggregating Chinese Perceptions of the EU and the Implications for the EU’s China Policy

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Draft Agenda

Please note that presentations will be made on the record. Q&A sessions will be held under the Chatham House Rule.

DAY ONE

Wednesday 16 February

08.30-09.00 Registration

SESSION 1

09.00-10.30

Opening remarks
Elizabeth Wright, Special Professor, China Policy Institute (CPI), University of Nottingham
Kerry Brown, Head, Asia Programme, Chatham House

FP7 project introduction
Simona Ardovino, Project Officer, European Commission

Introduction: the objectives, designs and implementation of the project
Zhengxu Wang, Project Coordinator, ‘Chinese Views of the EU’ and Acting Director and Senior Research Fellow, CPI

Summary of findings. Chinese views of the EU: multiple ambiguities
Li Zhang, Research Fellow, CPI and Ying Yu, Research Fellow, CPI

A brief of the EuroBroadMap project
Claude Grasland, Project Coordinator, EuroBroadMap
SESSION 2

10.45-12.45

Chair: Kerry Brown, Head, Asia Programme, Chatham House
Discussant: Yongjin Zhang, Professor of International Politics, University of Bristol

Attitudes towards the European Union among Chinese citizens; in search of an explanation
Henk Dekker, Professor of Political Socialisation and Integration, Leiden University

The major policy issues that cause difficulties in the EU-China relationship
Lisheng Dong, Professor of Politics, Graduate School of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)

Chinese trust in Europeans: exploring determinants and consequences
Jan Delhey, Professor of Sociology, Jacobs University Bremen and Timo Graf, Research Associate, Jacobs University Bremen

Panel discussion and Q&A

SESSION 3

14.00-15.30

Chair: Ramon Pacheco Pardo, Lecturer in Spanish and European Studies, King’s College London and Associate, King’s China Institute, King’s College London
Discussant: Miwa Hirono, RCUK Research Fellow, School of Politics and International Relations, University of Nottingham

The function and place of Europe in Chinese History and Geography textbooks
Nicola Spakowski, Professor of History, Jacobs University Bremen and Alexander Thies, Research Associate, Jacobs University Bremen

Chinese reactions to the EU’s political criticisms
Yanhong Liu, lecturer, Graduate School of CASS

The Chinese business elite’s perception of the EU
Jianxiong Liu, lecturer, Department of Government Policy and Public Management, Graduate School of CASS

EU support for NGOs in China – rhetoric or genuine commitment?
Ying Yu, Research Fellow, CPI and Yiyi Lu, Research Fellow, CPI

Panel discussion and Q&A

Coffee break
SESSION 4

15.45-17.15

Chair: Steve Tsang, Professorial Fellow, St Antony’s College, University of Oxford
Discussant: Jonas Parello-Plesner, Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations

Familiarity breeds content. Chinese views of Europe: the role of interest, knowledge and involvements
Philip Everts, Professor of International Relations and Foreign Policy, Leiden University

Environment issues in EU-China relations: convergence, deviation and Chinese perceptions
Li Zhang, Research Fellow, CPI

An in-depth analysis of Chinese views of the EU
Haihua Tang, Lecturer, Department of Politics, Renmin University and Qi Cao, MA student, Renmin University

Panel discussion and Q&A

END OF CONFERENCE DAY ONE
DAY TWO

Thursday 17 February

08.30-09.00  Registration

SESSION 5

09.00-10.30

Chair: Rod Wye, Former FCO
Discussant: Robin Brown, Senior Lecturer, Institute of Communications Studies, University of Leeds

The image of Europe in Mainland China’s 2009 newspapers
Qi Cao, MA student, Renmin University

Media influence on public sentiment towards Europeans and the EU
Daniela Stockmann, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Leiden University

Do the Chinese masses share perceptions with elites over China-EU relationships?
Long Sun, Assistant Professor, School of International Studies, Renmin University

Panel discussion and Q&A

10.30-10.45  Coffee break

SESSION 6

10.45-12.45

Chair: Shaun Breslin, Director, Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation, University of Warwick
Discussant: Gordon Cheung, Senior Lecturer, School of Government & International Affairs, University of Durham

The causes and consequences of Chinese affect toward European culture
Christian Welzel, Professor of Political Culture Research, Leuphana University, Stefanie Reher, Research Assistant, Leuphana University and Timo Graf, Research Associate, Jacobs University Bremen

How does understanding the EU’s internal complexities affect Chinese perceptions of the EU?
Zhengxu Wang, Project Coordinator, ‘Chinese Views of the EU’ and Acting Director and Senior Research Fellow, CPI and Bogdan Popescu, PhD candidate, University of Nottingham

The role of urban characteristics in the construction of ideas towards the EU in China
Yang Du, PhD candidate, Renmin University

Research on the countermeasures of developing a Sino-EU good cooperation relationship
Wanming Zhang, Associate Professor, Graduate School of CASS

Panel discussion and Q&A

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