

CHINA AND THE EUROPEAN UNION: FROM STRATEGIC PARTNER TO SYSTEMIC RIVAL

Association for International Affairs ([AMO](#)) with the support of National Endowment for Democracy ([NED](#)) has the pleasure to invite you for the International Conference CHINA AND THE EUROPEAN UNION: FROM STRATEGIC PARTNER TO SYSTEMIC RIVAL.

The conference focuses on the willingness and the ability of the EU member states to create a common European strategy towards China and its increasing influence in not only economic realm. The goal of the conference is not only to assess the current state of EU-China relations, but also to contribute to formulating the EU-wide strategy.

Date: Tuesday 11 June 2019, 9:30 – 15:00

Venue: [European House](#), Jungmannova 24, 110 00 Prague

Working Language: English

BACKGROUND

You are welcome to participate in this exclusive meeting of China experts and contribute with your questions and comments to the Conference outputs and recommendations which could pave the way for searching for a unified approach to China in the European Union.

Does China play “divide and rule” strategy in Europe? Does 16+1 platform serve as the diving tool? What should Europe and its institutions do for formulating and enacting a truly unified strategy on China? What approach has been taken by various member states so far and could any of them serve as an inspiration? Can the goal of a harmonized foreign and security policy towards China be achieved without antagonizing China and harming economic cooperation?

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

9:30 - 10:00 *Registration and coffee break*

10:00 - 10:30 **WELCOME REMARKS**

Welcome: Delegation of the European Commission

Introduction remarks:

Ivana Karásková, AMO Research Fellow and Coordinator of [ChinfluenCE](#) and [CHOICE](#), Czech Republic

- 10:30 - 12:00 **PANEL I: EASTERN PROMISES: IS CHINA DIVIDING EUROPE?**
Chair: *Václav Kopecký*, Association for International Affairs, Czech Republic
Panelists:
Ivana Karásková, Association for International Affairs, Czech Republic
Tamás Matura, Corvinus University, Hungary
Lucrezia Poggetti, Mercator Institute for China Studies, Germany
- 12:00 - 13:00 *Networking lunch*
- 13:00-14:30 **PANEL II: UNITED WE STAND? FORGING A COMMON EUROPEAN STRATEGY TOWARDS CHINA**
Chair: *Vít Beneš*, Metropolitan University, Czech Republic
Panelists:
Fraser Cameron, former British diplomat and EU official, EU-Asia Center, Brussels
Lars Fredén, Ambassador of Sweden to China (ret.)
Ingrid d'Hooghe, Clingendael, Netherlands
Gudrun Wacker, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Germany
- 14:30-15:00 **WRAP-UP AND CLOSING REMARKS:**
Ivana Karásková, Association for International Affairs, Czech Republic

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