

Sino-European Strategic Dialogue 2015

A seminar organised by CICIR and the EUISS

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Venue: CICIR, A-2 Wanshousi, Haidian District, Beijing

Programme

09:00 Opening remarks

Feng Zhongping	Vice President, CICIR
Antonio Missiroli	Director, EUISS

09:15-10:45 Panel 1: Terrorism: A Threat for the 21st Century?

In light of the recent events in Paris and the growing threat to international stability posed by extremist groups such as ISIL, countering terrorism remains on top of national and regional security agendas. This session aims to compare the perceptions of the phenomenon from the EU and China's perspectives, both at the theoretical and practical level. It could address the threat of international, as well as domestic terrorism, analysing the sources, main challenges, as well as the most suitable approaches to deal with both of them.

Chair (China) Feng Zhongping, Vice President, CICIR

Speaker 1 (China) Fu Xiaoqiang, Director, Institute of Arms Control and Security, CICIR

Speaker 2 (EU) Mathieu Duchâtel, Senior Researcher and representative in China, SIPRI

Discussant 1 (China) Tang Zhichao, Director, Middle East Section of West-Asian and African Studies, CASS

Discussant 2 (EU) Alice Ekman, Research Fellow, IFRI and Associate Analyst, EUISS

11:00-12:30 Panel 2: The New Silk Road: Beyond the "Economic Belt"

China's flagship initiative for connecting the Eurasian landmass and boosting economic cooperation along the historical Silk Road has the potential to bring the EU and China even closer together. But what are the strategic implications of the New Silk Road project? What are the possible security threats along the way? This session will look into the reactions of actors concerned - Russia, Central Asian republics, as well as the Middle East – and discuss the benefits, as well as possible pitfalls of the project for regional stability.

Chair (China) Huang Ping, Director, Institute of European Studies, CASS

Speaker 1 (China) Xing Guangcheng, Director, Institute of Chinese Borderland Studies, CASS

Speaker 2 (EU) Gerhard Sabathil, Director, Northeast Asia and the Pacific, EEAS

Discussant 1 (EU) Juliette Genevaz, TAPIR Postdoctoral Fellow, IFRI
Discussant 2 (China) NiuXinchun, Director, Institute of Middle East, CICIR

12:45-14:00 **Buffet Lunch at CICIR**

14:00-15:30 **Panel 3: Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian relations: the EU, China, the US and Russia**
This panel aims to look beyond the present situation and assess the future of relations among the big powers. What would be the future development in EU-US, EU-Russian and US-Russian relations and what will be the role of China in the redefined global strategic environment? How has the Ukrainian Crisis affected the future construction of European security infrastructure?

Chair (China) Huang Ping, Director, Institute of European Studies, CASS
Speaker 1 (China) Feng Yujun, Director, Institute of Russian Studies, CICIR
Speaker 2 (EU) Alfredo Conte, Head of Strategic Planning Division, EEAS
Discussant 1 (China) Zhang Jian, Director, Institute of European Studies, CICIR
Discussant 2 (EU) Eberhard Sandschneider, Director, DGAP Research Institute

15:45-17:15 **Panel 4: 40 Years of China – EU Relations: A Critical Assessment**
Celebrating 40 years of diplomatic relations between China and the EU, the last panel aims to review the state of EU-China relations over this period, critically looking back at its highlights and shortcomings. How has the relationship between the two powers evolved, beyond economic ties, and what lessons can be learnt for the future? What security areas are most likely to provide a common ground for cooperation?

Chair Hans Dietmar Schweisgut, Ambassador of EU to China
Speaker 1 (China) Feng Zhongping, Vice President, CICIR
Speaker 2 (EU) François Godement, Director, Asia and China Programme, ECFR
Discussant 1 (China) Cui Hongjian, Director, Institute of European Studies, CIIS
Discussant 2 (EU) Gudrun Wacker, Asia Senior Fellow, SWP

17:15-17:45 **Conclusions and wrap-up**

18:00 **Dinner**