

China and the European Union: Challenges, Dynamics and Multilateralism in a Transforming Landscape

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"In the interaction among regional powers, China's participation has been steadily increasing, encompassing political, economic, and investment dimensions. Amidst shifting global dynamics, the European Union is increasingly pursuing strategic autonomy alongside its historic American partnership, while other major actors, including China and countries of the Global South, are also shaping evolving approaches to security and multilateral engagement. What consequences will this have for the relationship between Europe and China vis-à-vis global stakeholders such as Russia and the Ukraine, India and the Gulf or Africa?

As China remains a significant participant in the UN system and a major contributor to peacekeeping, the Global South has found increasing common ground with China in UN bodies. In this context, can joint efforts among the EU, China, and partners from the Global South strengthen the multilateral agenda and help to bridge their diverse systemic perspectives? In light of 55 years of diplomatic relations between Austria and China, we bring together perspectives from Beijing, Vienna, and Brussels to discuss current and future challenges and synergies."

Panelists:

- Liu Feitao, Vice President of China Institute of International Studies (CIIS), Secretary General of China National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation
- Xie Bo, Senior Research Fellow of China Institute of International Studies (CIIS)
- Thomas Eder, Research Fellow at the Austrian Institute for International Affairs (oiip) in Vienna
- Susanne Weigelin-Schwiedrzik, Sinologist, Professor emerita at the Department of East Asian Studies, University of Vienna and corresponding member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences

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