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The [Royal University Institute for European Studies](#) and its **Centre for Competition Policy** will organize the International Conference on **‘EU-China: Comparative experiences and contributions to global governance in the fields of climate change, trade and competition’**, within the framework of the *Jean Monnet Network Ref. 587904–EPP–1–2017–1–ES–EPPJMO–NETWORK*.

The conference will take place in Madrid, in the Aula Magna of San Pablo-CEU University (Julián Romea, 23, Madrid), in hybrid format, on **14th and 15th July 2022**. You can attend in person and online, if you register on the following [link](#).

The network aims to **share experiences and contributions to global governance**, particularly in the fields of **climate change**, including energy; international trade, including investment and international taxation; and **market regulation and**

competition. These topics have been chosen because they are **strategic ones in EU-China relations.**

Firstly, **climate change and energy**, particularly after the 2015 Paris agreements, are at the top of the agenda. The EU and China are in the process of redesigning its energy mix and propose ambitious “Intended Nationally Determined Contribution” for reducing its emissions. The EU experience with the ETS is being used as a model for the Chinese experience. The success in this fight against climate change requires cooperation from everyone and the EU and China have to play a very relevant role.

Secondly, **trade and investment rules** have been and will remain the core of economic relations between the EU and China. The consolidation and enlargement of economic exchanges between the two largest global trading blocs demand clear and mutually accepted rules. Trade defence policies in a new context, trade agreements with third parties, developments of the WTO framework, prospects of the EU-China Comprehensive Investment Agreement are only some of the main topics that will be crucial for governing these relations.

Finally, **market regulation (including international taxation) and competition policy** are very important for the construction of a deep and efficient internal market, also in the digital area. The future of the Chinese economy depends not only on exports but also on the building of a diversified and fair internal market. The necessity of combining different regulatory traditions inside China and the need for improving the functioning of the internal market make this challenge closer to the European one.

The event will be hosted by **José M. Beneyto**, Director of the Royal University Institute for European Studies, and **Jerónimo Maillo**, Coordinator of the Centre for Competition Policy. A group of experts will address the **following panels:**

Programme

Thursday, 14th July

8.30 - 9.00 | Registration

9.00 | Welcome

9.15 - 10.15 | **Panel 1: EU-China and Global governance**

Chair: **David Coen**, *University College London*.

- EU- China in the new global political scenario (post covid and war in Ukraine). **José María Beneyto**, *San Pablo-CEU University*.
- Assessing China and EU Relations in the New Global Economic Order. **Julia Kreienkamp** and **Tom Pegram**, *University College London*.

10.15-11.15 | **Panel 2: Understanding China's and Europe's mutual future relations**

Chair: **Jerónimo Maillo**, *San Pablo-CEU University*.

- The EU's strategy towards China. **Miguel Otero**, *Real Instituto Elcano*.
- Careful what you wish for: China encourages European sovereignty. **Richard McMahon**, *University College London*.

11.15-11.45 | Coffee break

11.45-13.15 | **Panel 3: Trade & Investments**

Chair: **José María Beneyto**, *San Pablo-CEU University*.

- The future of WTO and EU-China. **Allan Tatham**, *San Pablo-CEU University*.
- The Chinese internal market and its impact on China-EU cooperation on supply chains. **Yinghong Zhang**, *Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS)*.
- Chinese State Owned Enterprises (SOEs). **Alexander Svetlicinii**, *University of Macau*.
- The EU-China Comprehensive Agreement on Investments. **Javier Porrás**, *San Pablo-CEU University*.

13.15-14.30 | Lunch

14.30- 15.45 | **Panel 4: Tax-related issues**

Chair: Juan Ignacio Gorospe, San Pablo-CEU University.

- Distinctive Challenges for EU-China tax cooperation. **Elena Masegla**, *Université Catholique de Louvain*.
- Retail digital platforms and BEPS. **Edoardo Traversa**, *Université Catholique de Louvain*.
- Environmental Governance Through Tax Law in the EU. **Marta Villar**, *San Pablo-CEU University*.

15.45-16.00 | Break

16.00-17.00 | Parallel sessions:

[Section A](#)

Chair: **Belén Becerril**, *San Pablo-CEU University*.

- Analysis of EU-China trade relations: opportunities and challenges in a transitional international system. **José Manuel Muñoz**, *Nebrija University*.
- The Central Asian region: between the BRI and the EU connectivity strategy. **Antonio Alonso**, *San Pablo-CEU University*.
- Construction of the EU-China blue partnership for oceans from the perspective of global ocean governance. **Youlin Zao**, *Wuhan University*.

[Section B](#)

Chair: **Javier Porras**, *San Pablo-CEU University*.

- European Union and China relations: between a strategic autonomy based on values and a necessary global agenda of shared interests. **Carlos Uriarte**, *Rey Juan Carlos University*.
- The Need of an EU Common Digital Strategy towards China. **Loreto Machés**, *San Pablo-CEU University*.
- E-commerce and consumers guarantees: effects in EU-China transactions. **Enrique Puerta**, *CEU Seville University*.

Friday, 15th July

9.30-10.45 | **Panel 5: Climate Change**

Chair: **Marta Villar**, *San Pablo-CEU University*.

- Deciphering EU-China Climate Change Relations: Actors, Networks and Diplomacy. **Lucie Qian Xia**, *London School of Economics*.
- EU-China Green and digital partnership and future cooperation. **Min Zhang**, *Institute of European Studies (CASS)*.
- Opportunities and challenges in low-carbon area between the EU and China. **Hui Cao**, *Institute of European Studies (CASS)*.
- Study on China's Endeavors to Transfer from Conventional Energy to Low Carbon Energy. **Rao Lei** and **Jiajie Zou**, *Sichuan University*.

10.45-11.15 | Coffee break

11.15-12.30 | **Panel 6: Competition policy governance and the Digital Era**

Chair: **Jerónimo Maillo**, *San Pablo-CEU University*.

- Understanding the Chinese position. **Sandra Marco**, *Chinese University of Hong Kong*.
- An EU perspective. **Lazar Radic**, *International Centre for Law and Economics (ICLE)*.
- Global Governance of Competition Law and EU-China cooperation. **Miguel Verdeguer**, *San Pablo-CEU University*.

12.30 | Closing session

***Programme may be subject to slight changes due to pending confirmations.**

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