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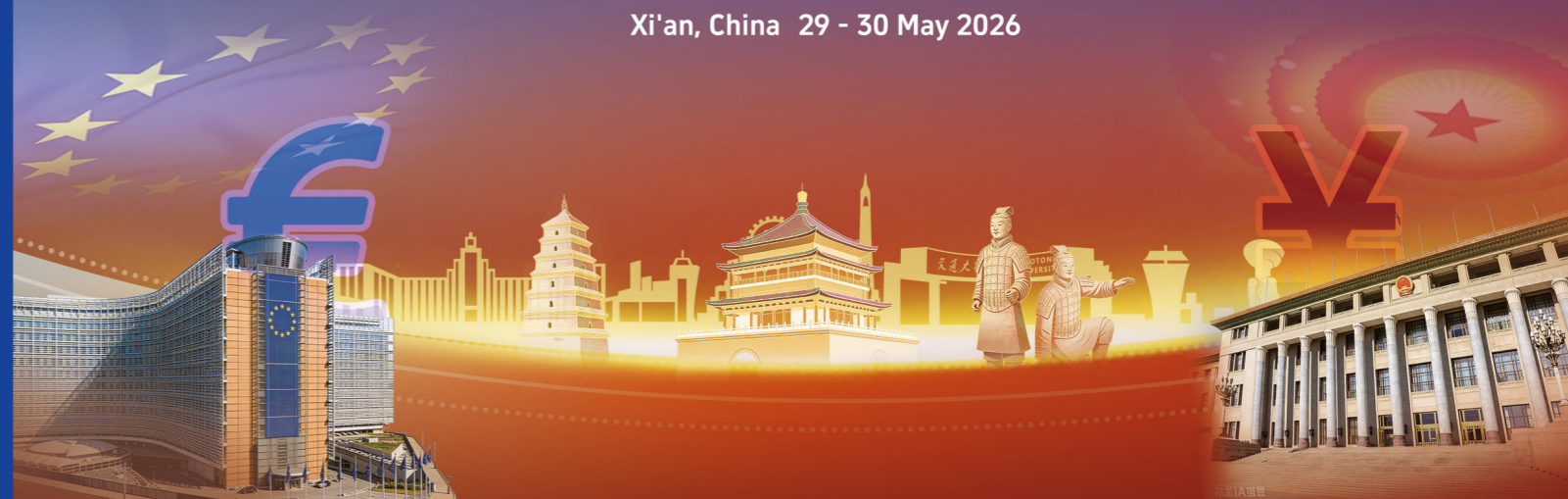
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China-EU Economic Relations in Times of Global Disorder

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Introduction

Since 2019, the European Union (EU) officially defines China as a ‘multifaceted partner, economic competitor, and systemic rival’. In 2025, it reaffirmed this assessment of its relationship with China, putting more emphasis on the rivalry. There is much, both in terms of politics and economics, that divides, and gives rise to tension between, the EU and China. However, in times in which the United States (US) imposes, through coercion and extortion, a most unfavourable trade deal on the EU and threatens to annex territory of one of its Member States, the EU may need to reassess its relationship with China. The US is evidently intent on redesigning the international order in its own narrow national interest and has turned its back on international cooperation and the rule of law in international relations. Both the EU and China, on the contrary, still profess their adherence to a rules-based international order and peaceful, mutually beneficial international relations. While this would be most desirable, it is unclear, however, whether the EU and China can be partners in, and global leaders of, an effort to preserve a rules-based international order. What is clear is that for such partnership to be possible, and global leadership to be credible, the EU and China must overcome, or at least mitigate, current disagreements, in particular disagreements on economic issues. This conference aims to address these disagreements and search for common ground on issues that currently divide the EU and China.



Discussants



◆ Ujal Singh Bhatia

Ujal Singh Bhatia served in the Appellate Body of the WTO from 2011 to 2020, including as its Chairman in 2017 and 2018. Prior to this, he was India's Ambassador to the WTO between 2004-2010. Overall, he served as a civil servant in India for 36 years, alternating between field administration positions and policy making functions. He has several years of experience in trade policy, trade negotiations at the bilateral, regional and multilateral levels, as well as dispute resolution. Apart from trade, he takes keen interest in sustainability issues. Mr. Bhatia presently serves as a member of the Sustainability Advisory Board of Eisai Co. Ltd, Japan, and as an Advisor to the Council on Economic Policies, Zurich.



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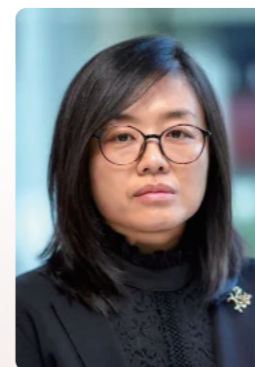
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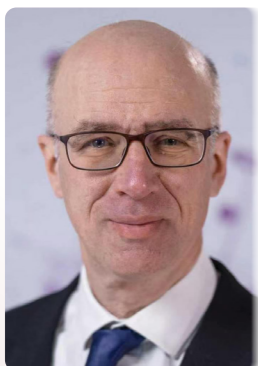
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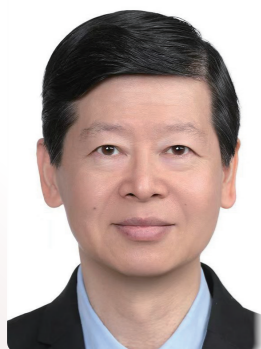
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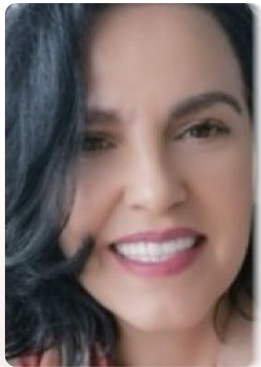
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Schedule

Friday, 29 May 2026

Friday, 29 May 2026	
	<i>Opening session</i>
9:00-9:30	Zhang Liqun, President, Xi'an Jiaotong University
	Peter Van den Bossche, Chair Professor of International Economic Law, Xi'an Jiaotong University, and former Member of the WTO Appellate Body (conference convener)
	YI Xiaozhun, former Vice-Minister of Commerce, MOFCOM, Deputy Director-General of the WTO, and Ambassador of China to the WTO
	John Alistair Clarke, Fellow, Royal Asiatic Society, and former Director, International Affairs, European Commission, and Head, EU Delegation to the WTO
9:30-9:45	Group Photo
9:45-11:15	<i>Panel 1: The historical, cultural and geo-political dimensions of the China/EU relations</i>
	DU Ming, Professor of Transnational Law and Deputy Dean (Research), Durham University Law School
	Raffaele Marchetti, Director, Center for International and Strategic Studies and Professor of International Relations, LUISS University, Rome
	Jens Hillebrand Pohl, President and Secretary-General, Helsinki Geoeconomics Society, Helsinki
	YANG Guohua, Professor of International Economic Law, Tsinghua University, Beijing, and former Deputy Director-General, MOFCOM
	Gracia Marin-Duran, Professor of International Economic Law and Vice Dean (International), Faculty of Laws, University College London (moderator)
11:15-11:30	Coffee break

Friday, 29 May 2026	
Panel 2: The economic drivers of the China/EU relations	
11:30-13:00	John Alistair Clarke, Fellow, Royal Asiatic Society, and former Director, International Affairs, European Commission, and Head, EU Delegation to the WTO
	DU Jun, Professor of Economics, Director of Centre for Business Prosperity, Aston University, Birmingham
	Marcus Gustafsson, External Economic Policies Unit, Secretariat-General, European Commission
	LI Juqian, Dean and Professor, International Law School, China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing
	Werner Zdouc, Visiting Professor of International Trade Law, Vienna Economic University, and former Director, WTO Appellate Body Secretariat (moderator)
13:00-14:30	Lunch
Panel 3: Access to and trade in critical minerals	
14:30-16:00	Marc Bungenberg, Professor of International Economic Law, Jean Monnet Chair for Sustainable and Secure EU Raw Materials Law and Policy, and Director of the Europa Institut, Saarland University, Saarbrücken
	HONG Xiaodong, Professor, Shanghai University of International Business and Economics, and former Director-General, WTO Department, MOFCOM
	HU Jianguo, Associate Professor of International Economic Law, Law School, Nankai University, Tianjin, and Director, Chinese Society of International Law
	YAN Yueming, Assistant Professor & Assistant Dean (External Engagement), Chinese University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Law
	DU Juan, Associate Professor of Law, Xi'an Jiaotong University School of Law (moderator)
16:00-16:30	Tea break

Friday, 29 May 2026	
Panel 4: Competition and trade in advanced technology products	
16:30-18:00	DING Ru, Associate Professor of Law, China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing
	Lothar Ehring, Directorate-General for Trade and Economic Security, European Commission
	TU Xinquan, Professor and Dean, China Institute for WTO Studies, University of International Business and Economics, Beijing
	Isabelle Van Damme, Professor of International Economic Law and Director of Studies, World Trade Institute, University of Bern, and of counsel, Van Bael & Bellis, Brussels
	DU Ming, Professor of Transnational Law and Deputy Dean (Research), Durham University Law School (moderator)
19:00-21:00	Conference dinner
Saturday, 30 May 2026	
Panel 5: Industrial subsidies and policy of China and the EU	
9:00-10:30	Elvire Fabry, Director of the 'Trade and Economic Security' Programme and Rapporteur of the EU-China Working Group, Jacques Delors Institute, Paris
	Ignacio García Bercero, Senior Fellow, Bruegel, Brussels, and former Director, DG Trade, European Commission
	WANG Jiangyu, Professor of Law and Director, Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law, City University of Hong Kong School of Law, Hong Kong
	YE Bin, Professor and Head of the Division of EU Law, Institute of European Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
	John Alistair Clarke, Fellow, Royal Asiatic Society, and former Director, International Affairs, European Commission, and Head, EU Delegation to the WTO (moderator)
10:30-11:00	Coffee break

Panel 6: Digital trade between the EU and China	
11:00-12:30	CHEN Yongmei, Professor of International Law, International Law School, Southwest University of Political Science and Law, Chongqing
	PENG Delei, Dean and Professor, School of Law, East China University of Science and Technology, Shanghai
	Cristina Vanberghen, Professor, Faculty of International Relations, Yerevan State University, Member of AI Alliance, European Commission, and former Secretary of State for Justice of Romania
	Werner Zdouc, Visiting Professor of International Trade Law, Vienna Economic University, and former Director, WTO Appellate Body Secretariat
	ZHANG Sheng, Professor of Law, Xi'an Jiaotong University School of Law (moderator)
12:30-14:00	Lunch
Panel 7: China/EU efforts to salvage the multilateral trading system	
14:00-16:00	Ujal Singh Bhatia, Honorary Professor, National Law University, Delhi, and former Member of the WTO Appellate Body, and Ambassador of India to the WTO
	Ignacio García Bercero, Senior Fellow, Bruegel, Brussels, and former Director, DG Trade, European Commission
	Simon Manley, former Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the WTO, and Director-General C-19, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office of the United Kingdom
	John Alistair Clarke, Fellow, Royal Asiatic Society, and former Director, International Affairs, European Commission, and Head, EU Delegation to the WTO
	YANG Guohua, Professor of International Economic Law, Tsinghua University, Beijing, and former Deputy Director-General, MOFCOM
	YI Xiaozhun, former Vice-Minister of Commerce, MOFCOM, Deputy Director-General of the WTO, and Ambassador of China to the WTO
	ZHAO Hong, Professor of Law, Peking University Law School, Beijing, and former Member of the WTO Appellate Body, and Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of China to the WTO (moderator)
16:00	Closing
	Peter Van den Bossche, Chair Professor of International Economic Law, Xi'an Jiaotong University, and former Member of the WTO Appellate Body (conference convener)

Directions to the Venue

Location

The Conference will be held in Meeting Room 207, Science Hall, Xingqing Campus, Xi'an Jiaotong University.

Accommodation

For participants' convenience, the recommended hotel is Empark Grand Hotel, from which the shuttle bus will depart. Please book directly with the hotel if needed.

Transportation

A shuttle bus will be leave at 8:30 in the morning to take participants to the venue. Please gather and board at the hotel entrance.

If you plan to travel to the university on your own, please contact Ms. Yang in advance for the campus entry permit and detailed directions.

Xi'an Weather Information

Weather in Xi'an (28–31 May)

Xi'an is already in early summer by late May, with typical warm and occasionally hot conditions. Mornings and evenings can still feel slightly cooler, and indoor air conditioning may be noticeable, so a light jacket or wrap is still recommended for comfort

Date	Weather	Temperature	Temperature	Recommendations
		(°C)	(°F)	
Thu, 28 May	Cloudy	17°C/30°C	63°F/ 86°F	Warm day; dress in light, breathable fabrics. A thin jacket may be useful in air-conditioned rooms.
Fri, 29 May	Cloudy	17°C/29°C	63°F / 84°F	Mild and warm; layering is still a good idea for comfort. Sun protection recommended even when cloudy.
Sat, 30 May	Cloudy	17°C/30°C	63°F/ 86°F	Warm and humid possible; stay hydrated. A light cardigan or wrap will keep you comfortable indoors.
Sun, 31 May	Cloudy	17°C/30°C	63°F/ 86°F	Similarly warm; dress comfortably. Carrying an umbrella is a sensible precaution.

Please note that weather conditions can change.

We advise checking a reliable weather app for the most up-to-date forecast.

Meal Arrangements

Lunch

All lunches will be served at the Wutong Yuan Restaurant, 3rd Floor, Xingqing Campus, Xi'an Jiaotong University.

Your personal meal vouchers are included in your conference materials package. Please present the corresponding voucher at the restaurant entrance for each lunch.

Schedule

- Friday, 29 May 2026, 13:00 - 14:30
- Saturday, 30 May 2026, 12:30 - 14:00

Venue

Wutong Yuan Restaurant, 3rd Floor
Xingqing Campus, Xi'an Jiaotong University

Dinner

The Conference Dinner will be held at Xi'an Restaurant, at a 15-minute walk from the Conference Venue.

Schedule

- Friday, 29 May 2026, 19:00 - 21:00

Venue

Xi'an Restaurant, Xingqing Palace

Further Notices

To ensure the conference proceeds smoothly and is a productive experience for all attendees, please kindly observe the following guidelines:

Schedule & Punctuality

Please read the conference programme carefully and make sure to arrive on time for each session. We recommend entering the meeting room 5 minutes in advance. Any changes to the schedule will be announced promptly by our staff.

Personal Safety & Belongings

Your personal safety is our priority. Please be mindful of your surroundings when traveling. Also, ensure that your personal belongings (laptops, phones, wallets, etc.) are secured at all times. The organizers are not liable for any loss or damage.

Conference Etiquette

To maintain a distraction-free environment for all participants, please kindly switch off your mobile phone or set it to silent mode during all sessions.

Dress Code

Panelists are kindly requested to wear formal business attire (with a tie). For all other participants, business casual attire is acceptable.

Assistance

Should you require any assistance during the conference, please do not hesitate to approach any of our staff members. For urgent matters, you may contact:

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