

# China and the EU in the era of regional and interregional cooperation

*The Belt and Road initiative in a  
comparative perspective*

---

November 16th-17th, 2018  
Institute for European Studies of the ULB  
39 Ave. Franklin Roosevelt, 1050. Brussels



INSTITUT  
CONFUCIUS  
UNIVERSITÉ  
LIBRE DE  
BRUXELLES



L'EUROPE  
DE LA  
CONNAISSANCE



# PROGRAM

---

## Background

### The conference

China and the EU are at the center of multiple regional and interregional relations and institutionalized partnerships. In an increasingly unstable world-order, regional and interregional relations are expanding in and between every continent with Asia-Pacific, Europe, Africa and Latin America as the most remarkable regions. The scientific literature is also blooming, even if in a controversial way, on these crucial issues.

This conference, jointly promoted by the Confucius Institute and IEE-ULB, will first address the meaning of this new phenomenon for international relations theory and global governance. Secondly, the conference will address the China's economic and political interaction, on the one hand, with the neighboring regions and, on the other, with regions abroad, notably with the Africa, Latin America and the European Union.

The objective of this conference is to discuss the impact of China's and EU's interaction on the development of regionalization. The conference is open to students, junior and senior scholars, and the public interested to China's and EU's external relations.

### The European Union and China

The EU will serve both as a reference for successful regional cooperation, and as one of the main interregional actors –notably as China's interregional partner, 15 years after the Strategic partnership agreement and three years after the start of the BRI.

### The Belt and Road initiative

One Belt and One Road is an important topic because it represents the most relevant political and economic interregional strategy of P.R. of China. It interacts with very diverse forms of regional and interregional cooperation. On the one hand in Asia, ASEAN+1, ASEAN+3, ASEAN+6, Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the triangular cooperation with Japan and South Korea. On the other hand, with the other continents and firstly with the EU.



# PROGRAM

---

Registration & Welcome Coffee **8:30-9:10**

---

**WELCOME SPEECHES** **9:10-9:30**

*Chair*

*Prof. Ramona COMAN, Director IEE-ULB*

*Prof. Xiaohong LU, Director of Confucius Institute and*

*Vanessa FRANGVILLE, Director Confucius ULB*

*Mario TELÒ, ULB and Luiss*

*Dr. Yuan FENG, ULB, presenting the conference program*

---

**OPENING PANEL** **9:30-11:15**

*Regionalism, Interregionalism and International Relations:*

*Theoretical Introduction*

*Chair: Frank MATTHEIS, IEE-ULB/Pretoria*

*Prof. Mario TELÒ, ULB and Luiss*

*Prof. Jisheng SUN, Vice-President China Foreign Affairs*

*University*

---

Coffee Break **11:15-11:30**

---



# PROGRAM

---

## PANEL TWO

**11:30-13:15**

*China's Regional Neighbourhood and the Competition with the USA: The Political Dimension*

*Chair: Giovanni GREVI, EPC, Brussels*

Dr. Yuan FENG, Université Libre de Bruxelles

Prof. Ling WEI, China Foreign Affairs University

Dr. Uwe WISSENBACH, European External Action Service

---

## Lunch Break

**13:15-14:15**

---

## PANEL THREE

**14:15-16:00**

*China's Regional Policies: The economic dimension*

*Chair: Gerhard STAHL, Pekin University, College of Europe*

Prof. Chun DING, Fudan University

Prof. Jean-François DI MEGLIO, President AC Paris

Prof. Jing MEN, College of Europe

Prof. Shiwei SHI, Free University of Berlin

Day 1, Nov. 16, 2018

# PROGRAM

---

Coffee break

**16:00-16:15**

---

**PANEL FOUR**

**16:15-18:00**

*China Interregional Relations, notably with Latin America*

Prof. Jürgen RÜLAND, Albert LudwigsUniversity, Freiburg

Prof. Zhimin YANG, Institute of Latin American Studies, CASS

Prof. Thierry KELLNER, Université libre de Bruxelles

Dr. Rihan HUANG, Huaqiao University (TBC)



# PROGRAM

---

Welcome Coffee

8:30-9:00

---

## PANEL FIVE

09:00-10:30

*China's Interregional Relations, notably with Africa*

*Chair: David FOUQUET, CERIS Vice-president*

Dr. Peiyong CONG, University of Political Science & Haifa University.

Prof. Solange CHATELARD, ULB et Sc. Po. Paris

Prof. Xinning SONG, Renmin University

---

Coffee break

10:30-10:45

---

## PANEL SIX

10:45-13:00

*Interregional Relations and Regionalism: China and EU*

*Chair: Mario TELÒ, IEE-ULB and Luiss*

Dr. Min ZHANG, CASS

Prof. Lei RAO, Sichuan University

Dr. Ruixia JIA, Institute of European Studies, CASS

Ambassador James MORAN, CEPS, Brussels, former head of China's Desk, EEAS

*\*EU officials' presentations do not reflect official EU positions\**

