

ASIA & EUROPE

In search for a balance between challenges and opportunities

*Milan, 22 and 23 March 2018
ISPI, Palazzo Clerici (via Clerici 5)*

Programme

DAY 1 – 22 March 2018

5.30-7.00pm

Roundtable open to the public “**WHO'S AFRAID OF THE DRAGON? CHALLENGES FROM CHINA'S ECONOMIC RISE IN EUROPE**”

- **Alessia AMIGHINI**, Co-Head, Asia Centre, Italian Institute for International Political Studies – ISPI, Italy
- **Youjun CHEN**, Senior Research Fellow, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies – SIIS, China
- **Salvatore CICU**, Member of the Committee on International Trade, European Parliament
- **Stefano MICHELI**, Partner, BonelliErede, Italy
- **Alessandro SPADA**, Acting Vice President for Medium-Sized Enterprises, Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza, Italy
- **Takashi TERADA**, Professor of International Relations, Doshisha University, Japan

Working languages: Italian and English

7.30-9.00pm

Closed-door Roundtable with buffet dinner*

Roundtable among experts to discuss the future scenarios for EU-China relations as regards openness to bilateral investment flows.

Chair: **Carlo SECCHI**, Vice President, Italian Institute for International Political Studies – ISPI, Italy

Keynote speaker: **Stephen WOOLCOCK**, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

DAY 2 – 23 March 2018

9.30-11.10am Closed-door Workshop* **"HOW TO ENHANCE ECONOMIC COOPERATION?"**

China's interest in investing in Europe is on the rise, due to geo-economic reasons related to Chinese economic diversification. How is Asia looking at Europe as an economic space, and vice versa? What roles do political and economic actors in both regions play, and what are the current and future prospects for bilateral and multilateral relations?

Kick-off Speakers:

- **Axel BERKOFISKY**, Co-Head, Asia Centre, Italian Institute for International Political Studies – ISPI, Italy
- **Peter CHASE**, Senior Fellow, The German Marshall Fund, Belgium
- **Youjun CHEN**, Senior Research Fellow, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies – SIIIS, China
- **Massimo GAIANI**, Director General for Globalisation and Global Affairs, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy
- **Shada ISLAM**, Director of Europe and Geopolitics, Friends of Europe, Brussels, Belgium
- **Jayshree SENGUPTA**, Senior Fellow (Associate), ORF-Observer Research Foundation, India
- **Takashi TERADA**, Professor of International Relations, Doshisha University, Japan
- **Rod WYE**, Associate Fellow, Asia Programme, Chatham House, UK
- **Lay Hwee YEO**, Council Secretary and Senior Research Fellow, Singapore Institute of International Affairs – SIIA; Director, European Union Centre, Singapore

Debate with all participants

11.10-11.30am Coffee-break

11.30am-1.00pm Closed-door Workshop* **"RECIPROCITY AND INVESTMENT FOR A BALANCED RELATION "**

Since the turn of the century, economic, trade and investment relations between Asia and Europe have seen a dramatic rise of China as a major player and are growing increasingly imbalanced. The EU and China are now the major trade partner for one another, despite the lack of a bilateral agreement, but the EU has good relations with a vast number of Asian countries that can be otherwise impacted by the burgeoning share of China in Euro-Asian relations. Recently, the EU has proposed new anti-dumping rules that would allow EU members to continue charging high and even higher import duties on countries that adopt "significant market distortions".

Kick-off Speakers:

- **Alessia AMIGHINI**, Co-Head, Asia Centre, Italian Institute for International Political Studies – ISPI, Italy
- **Francesco GALIETTI**, CEO, Policy Sonar, Italy
- **Zhenyu HU**, Director, Sustainable Development and Blue Economy Institute, China Development Institute (CDI), China

- **Hyung-Gon JEONG**, Vice President, Department of Northeast Asian Economies, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy – KIEP, South Korea
- **Anbumozhi VENKATACHALAM**, Senior Energy Economist, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia–ERIA, Indonesia
- **Yorizumi WATANABE**, Professor of International Political Economy, Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University, Japan
- **Stephen WOOLCOCK**, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

Debate with all participants

1.00-1.10pm Closing Remarks

1.10-2.30pm Buffet Lunch

**Working language of the closed-door sessions: English*