

China's foreign policy under Xi Jinping Perspectives and perceptions from Europe and neighbouring countries

16th Informal Roundtable on China
Tuesday, 12th November 2013, 12:30h to 14:30h
European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli Building, Room A3G-2

One year after coming into power, Xi Jinping has established its leadership and has given a new profile to China's foreign policy. From a low profile approach applied by its predecessors, he has developed an assertiveness which claims a role for China as a global power, or a "new type of major power relationship" as it was included in the Party Congress work report. Already the first state visits to Russia, South Africa, Tanzania and the Republic of Congo as well as to the US and Latin American countries indicated the strategic orientation of the new General Secretary of the CCP. While the new Chinese leadership seeks strategic parity with the US, in its regional approach China plays out its superior strength built on economic growth and rapid military modernisation. Tensions over sovereign disputes with Japan and Southeast Asian states such as the Philippines, as well as troop movements over the so-called line of control with India marked China's foreign policy image during the last 12 months. On the other hand, China needs a stable neighbourhood in the face of its pressing domestic agenda and in order to ensure continued economic growth.

The EU-China Roundtable jointly hosted by the Members of the European Parliament, Elmar Brok, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and Reinhard Bütikofer, Deputy Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Member of the Delegation for Relations with the People's Republic of China BICCS, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung,
will address questions such as:

- What are China's principal foreign policy objectives?
- Is there a new dichotomy in China's foreign policy, meandering between self-assertiveness and the image of a responsible member of the international community?
- How do changes in Beijing's foreign policy paradigm play out in its immediate neighbourhood?

Programme:

12:00 Light lunch to be served

12:30 Welcome and Introduction

Elmar Brok, MEP, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament

Reinhard Bütikofer, MEP, Committee on Industry, Research and Energy; Delegation for relations with the United States, European Parliament

12:45 Panel **China's foreign policy under Xi Jinping : Perspectives and perceptions from Europe and neighbouring countries**

Speakers

- Dr. Cui Hongjiang, Director of the Department for European Union Studies, China Institute of International Studies
- Dr. Shogo Suzuki, Senior Lecturer, University of Manchester
- Dr. Gauri Khandekar, Head of Programme – Agora Asia – Europe, FRIDE

14:00 Questions and Answers

14:30 End of Event



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