

## **SINO-GERMAN EXPERT WORKSHOP SERIES**

### **EU-China cooperation in nuclear non-proliferation and international climate change mitigation:**

#### **Patterns of inter-bureaucratic networks**

Beijing, 11-13 September 2009

Berlin, 29 November-1 December 2009

With global challenges that can only be effectively addressed in a concerted multilateral manner on the increase, EU-China relations have gained renewed urgency in recent years. The established institutional mechanisms for political and bureaucratic cooperation between the two players are increasingly used as a platform for addressing global challenges.

In this context, international climate change mitigation and nuclear non-proliferation are the two single most important issues on the bilateral agenda. Both fields feature dedicated EU-China cooperation mechanisms, bringing together experts from both sides. These mechanisms have significantly grown over the past decade – in parallel to the rising global policy concerns over the success of multilateral governance arrangements in these fields. With the growing need to cooperate globally on solving these policy challenges, institutionalized contacts between the EU and China are potentially powerful mechanisms for forging global consensus for addressing these challenges. Yet, the nature and effects of EU-China bureaucratic cooperation at the different levels as well as their scope and potential have remained largely unexplored.

The Sino-German Expert Workshop Series contributes to closing this research gap by focusing on the internal dynamics and policy-outcomes of EU-China cooperation in these two fields. It brings together a select group of experts from the Global Public Policy Institute, the School of International Studies at Peking University, the China Foreign Affairs University, and the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies.

## PROGRAM

- Beijing 11-13 September 2009 -

### Friday, 11 September

**10:00-10:15 Welcome notes:**

*Zhang Haibin, SIS Beijing*  
*Thorsten Benner GPPi, Berlin*

**10:15-11:00 1<sup>st</sup> session: Introduction**

- Discussion points: EU-China cooperation system – actors and dynamics  
*Stephan Mergenthaler, GPPi Berlin*
  - highlighting the different formats, levels of interactions and basic framework of actors
  - contextualising the specific policy area cooperation in the broader framework of political dialogue

**11:30-12:30 Lunch**

**12:30-16:00 2<sup>nd</sup> session: Climate change**

Moderator: *Joel Sandhu, GPPi Berlin*

- Paper 1: The great green leap forward? The changing posture of the Chinese government vis-à-vis climate change  
*Zhang Haibin, SIS Beijing*
  - What are the drivers of change for China's posture on climate change?
  - Who are the main actors of this change and what are their interests?
- Paper 2: The EU's climate change policy towards China: actors, interests and agendas  
*Björn Conrad, GPPi Berlin*
- Paper 3: Chinese climate change actors and their interactions with the EU  
*Yu Hongyuan, SIIS Shanghai*
  - What are the interests of the different actors in cooperating with the EU?
  - Are there differences between the interests of the different actors?

- Discussion points: Assessment of existing cooperation  
*Zhang Haibin, SIS Beijing*
  - What are the points of contention and what are the points of overlap in terms of climate change agendas between Chinese and EU actors?
- Open discussion --- small groups

**16:30-18:00 Public Discussion**

- Making the world safe for multipolarity: challenges and opportunities for China and the EU  
*Thorsten Benner, Associate Director, Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi), Berlin*
- Discussant:  
*Jia Qingguo, Associate Dean, School of International Studies, Peking University*

**18:30-21:00 Workshop Dinner**

**Saturday, 12 September**

**11:00-16:30 3<sup>rd</sup> session: Nuclear non-proliferation**

Moderator: *Björn Conrad, GPPi Berlin*

- Paper 1: Is the proliferation of nuclear weapons a security threat for China? Actors, approaches, and evolution of policies  
*Han Hua, SIS Beijing*
  - What are the drivers of change for China's posture on non-proliferation?
  - Who are the main actors of this change and what are their interests?
- Paper 2: The EU's non-proliferation agenda and EU-China cooperation: Interests and mechanisms for cooperation from an EU perspective  
*Joel Sandhu / Stephan Mergenthaler, GPPi Berlin*

**Lunch**

- Paper 3: Chinese non-proliferation actors and their interactions with the EU  
*Gao Wanglai, CFAU Beijing*
  - What are the interests of the different actors in cooperating with the EU?
  - Are there differences between the interests of the different actors?
  
- Discussion points: Assessment of existing cooperation  
*Han Hua, SIS Beijing*
  - What are the points of contention and what are the points of overlap in terms of non-proliferation agendas between Chinese and EU actors?
  
- Open discussion --- small groups

## **Sunday, 13 September**

### **10:00-12:00 4<sup>th</sup> session: wrap up**

- Open questions, research agenda, planning for Berlin workshop, potential joint publications

## PROGRAM

- Berlin 29 November-1 December 2009 -

### Sunday, 29 November

**14:00-15:30 Reception and reflections of Beijing workshop**

- GPPi Office: open discussion on achievements and open questions from Beijing workshop

**16:00-18:00 Visit of Bundestag**

**19:00-22:00 Conference Dinner**

### Monday, 30 November

**## 1<sup>st</sup> Session ##**

**NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION: EU AND CHINA AHEAD OF THE 2010 NPT REVCON**

**9:30-11:00 Policy Briefing: the outlook for 2010**

- **[tbd]** *Non-proliferation Department, Foreign Office*
  - State of negotiations, critical issues (deal makers and breakers)
  - How can the EU and China facilitate the 2010 NPT negotiations?
- Discussion

**11:00-13:00 Bureaucratic networks for multilateral negotiations? Bilateral cooperation and the NPT RevCon**

- What are the competing and overlapping interests of the different Chinese and EU actors?
- How can the EU maximise its cooperation with China ahead of and during the 2010 NPT RevCon?
- Chinese perspective  
*Gao Wanglai, CFAU Beijing*
- EU perspective  
*Joel Sandhu / Stephan Mergenthaler, GPPi Berlin*
- Discussant:  
*Han Hua, SIS Beijing*

**13:00-14:00 Lunch**

**## 2<sup>nd</sup> Session ##**

**CLIMATE CHANGE: EU AND CHINA AHEAD OF COPENHAGEN**

**14:30-16:00 Policy Briefing: the outlook for Copenhagen**

- *Astrid Harnisch, German Federal Environment Ministry*
  - State of negotiations, critical issues (deal makers and breakers)
  - The role of Germany, the EU and China
- Discussion

**16:00-17:30 Bureaucratic networks for multilateral negotiations? Bilateral cooperation and Copenhagen**

- What are the competing and overlapping interests of the different Chinese and EU actors?
- How can cooperation channels be most effectively used ahead of and during Copenhagen?
- Chinese perspective  
*Yu Hongyuan, SIISS Shanghai*
- EU perspective  
*Björn Conrad, GPPi Berlin*
- Discussant:  
*Zhang Haibin, SIS Beijing*

**18:00-20:00 Public Discussion**

- China as a deal-maker for Copenhagen?  
*Zhang Haibin, SIS Beijing*
- Discussant:  
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**Tuesday, 1 December**

**10:00-12:00 Towards a consolidated research agenda**

- Next steps for deepening the insights
- Follow-up activities

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