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10 - 11 June 2019

International Conference

The Internationalisation of EU Law and EU-China Relations

Welcome

About the conference

Legal affairs have become a prominent area of cooperation in the EU-China Strategic Partnership. It is on the occasion of the 17th EU-China Summit that the European Union and China decided that: "...it is necessary to deepen understanding of each other's legal systems, and agreed to establish an EU-China Legal Affairs Dialogue for policy exchanges, mutual learning and cooperation in legal affairs" (EU-China Summit, 2015).

The conference aims to uncover successes and failures in the internationalisation of European norms, standards, and procedures as well as concrete cases of legal transplants in the interactions between the European and the Chinese legal systems. The conference will critically assess the different processes in which the EU and its member states have shaped the evolution of the Chinese legal system through natural diffusion, active values promotion, and voluntary borrowing. It will help enhance the mutual understanding between Europe and China of their respective legal systems in those areas of law that are significant in the context of the EU-China Strategic Partnership. The conference also addresses for that purpose the diffusion and defence of values central to the EU legal order.

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Time	Session	
VENUE: Room 201, Graduate Centre		
15.00-15.30	Registration	
15.30 - 15.45	Introduction and Welcome	Prof. Penny Green, Head of the Law Department, Queen Mary University of London Dr Matthieu Burnay, EUPLANT Coordinator, Queen Mary University of London
15.45 - 17.00	Keynote Speech	Prof. Stephanie Balme, Sciences Po, Paris
17.00 - 17.20	Break	
17.20 - 19:15	Roundtable: Prospects and Challenges for EU-China Legal and Judicial Cooperation	Chair: Dr Matthieu Burnay, Queen Mary University of London Dr Irmgard Adam, European External Action Service Prof. Jan Wouters, University of Leuven Prof. Men Jing, College of Europe Prof. Vivienne Bath, University of Sidney Prof. Eva Pils, King's College London
20.00	Conference dinner (upon invitation)	VENUE: Senior Common Room

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08.30 - 09.00	Registration	
09.00 - 10.30	Transplanting European Norms and EU-China Relations	Chair: Dr Matthieu Burnay, Queen Mary University of London
	<i>'Legal Cooperation and Legal Transplants between Europe and China in Environmental Law: the Comparative Law Perspective'</i>	Prof. Marina Timoteo, University of Bologna
	<i>'Transplanting Western legal norms into Chinese Contract Law: Linkages and Values'</i>	Prof. Alexander Loke, City University of Hong Kong
	<i>'The EU-China Bilateral Comprehensive Agreement on Investment and Investment Arbitration: Challenges Ahead'</i>	Dr Alessandro Spano, King's College London
10.45 - 11.15	Coffee and tea break	
Parallel Sessions		
VENUE: Room 222, Graduate Centre		
11.15 - 13.00	Session 1A: EU-China Comprehensive Agreement on Investment	Chair: Dr Angelos Dimopoulos, Queen Mary University of London
	<i>'United in Diversity: The EU-China Comprehensive Agreement on Investment in Making'</i>	Dr Blerina Xheraj, University of Geneva and Dr Zhang Weiwei, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies; Sidley Austin LLP
	<i>'The Reform of Chinese Foreign Investment Law – Domestic Reform and International Policy'</i>	Prof. Vivienne Bath, University of Sidney
	<i>'Investment Court System (ICS): Should China Accept It in the EU-China Bilateral Investment Treaty Negotiation?'</i>	Prof. Qin Xiaojing, Beijing Normal University
	<i>'The Great Gap between EU and China's IIA Policy-making Concerning Sustainable Development Provisions: a Threat for EU-China BIT negotiations?'</i>	Ms Dang Hongwei, Erasmus University Rotterdam

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11.15 - 13.00	Session 1B: Corporate Law	Chair: Dr Andrea Miglionico, University of Reading
	<i>'Mandatory Bid Rule in China'</i>	Prof. Xin Tang, Tsinghua University
	<i>'Stakeholder Autonomy and Judicial Determination: A Balanced Approach to the Design of Corporate Group Bankruptcy Rules'</i>	Prof. He Dan, Beijing Normal University
	<i>'China Trapped in the Imitation of Capital Maintenance- A Comparative Study between the UK and China on Unlawful Return of Capital'</i>	Ms Xiong Xuedan, University College Dublin
	<i>'Corporate Social Responsibility and Decent Work in China: the Influence of EU and International Norms'</i>	Dr Mimi Zou, Oxford University
13.00 - 14.15	Lunch	VENUE: The Octagon, Queens' Building
Parallel Sessions		
VENUE: Room 222, Graduate Centre		
14.15 - 15.45	Session 2A: Criminal Justice	Chair: Dr Niovi Vavoula, Queen Mary University of London
	<i>'The European Union and the Globalisation of Criminal Law. Addressing the Human Rights and Rule of Law Deficit'</i>	Prof. Valsamis Mitsilegas, Queen Mary University of London
	<i>'The Appropriate Adult Scheme and Criminal Investigations in China'</i>	Dr Yu Mou, School of Oriental and African Studies
	<i>'The April 2017 Strategic Agreement between Europol and the Ministry of Security of the People's Republic of China'</i>	Dr Saskia Hufnagel, Queen Mary University of London

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14.15 - 15.45	Session 2B: Competition Law	Chair: Prof. Eyad Maher Dabbah, Queen Mary University of London
	<i>'Competition Law in Digital Markets'</i>	Dr Maria Ioannidou, Queen Mary University of London
	<i>'EU's Proposal Screening Foreign Direct Investment – Rationale, Implications and Prospects for Chinese Investors'</i>	Dr Cheng Bian, Erasmus University Rotterdam
	<i>'Levelling the Playing Field: Time to Reconsider the Treatment of China's State-Owned Undertakings in EU Competition Law?'</i>	Dr Alexandr Svetlicinii, University of Macau
15.45 - 16.15	Coffee and tea break	
Parallel Sessions		
VENUE: Room 222, Graduate Centre		
16.15 - 18.00	Session 3A: Norms Contestation and the Belt and Road Initiative	Chair: Dr Sarah Wolff, Queen Mary University of London
	<i>'Asia Connectivity Strategy and the Belt and Road Initiative'</i>	Dr Duncan Freeman, College of Europe
	<i>'Normative Power Europe and Normative Power China in the Belt and Road Initiative: Conflict or Complementarity?'</i>	Ms Su Xueji, Chinese University of Hong Kong
	<i>'Overcoming the Regulatory Incompatibility Issue between China and the EU'</i>	Mr Arnoud Willems, Sidley Austin LLP
	<i>'Chinese and EU Approaches to Public International Law: Maintaining a Space for Cooperation and Norm Contestation'</i>	Dr Wim Muller, Maastricht University

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16.15 - 18.00	Session 3B: Innovation and Internet Governance	Chair: Prof. Jonathan Griffiths, Queen Mary University of London
	<i>'EU-China Legal Cooperation to the test of Chinese Indigenous Innovation'</i>	Prof. Angela Carpi, University of Bologna
	<i>'AI-Generated Works, Copyrightability and Protection Model in the Future: A Comparative Analysis'</i>	Dr He Tianxiang, City University of Hong Kong
	<i>'Notice and Take Down: How the Shift from Copyright Law to Chinese E-Commerce Law Poses an Unnecessary Disturbance to E-Commerce'</i>	Prof. Feng Shujie, Tsinghua University
	<i>'Contrasting the EU's and China's Approach to Electronic Commerce Provisions in their RTAs'</i>	Ms Ines Willemys, University of Leuven
18.00 - 18.30	Conclusions & closing	Dr Matthieu Burnay, Queen Mary University of London
18.30 - 20.00	Reception	VENUE: The Octagon, Queens' Building

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