Europe-China Academic Network (ECAN) Annual Conference
Brussels 4-5 December 2008

PROGRAMME

The Annual Conference of the EU-China Academic Network (ECAN) is a unique event where European academic experts and policy makers bring their knowledge together in interactive and substantial debates. All presentations are based on original research. Papers will be distributed in electronic version at the conference and later on disseminated via the website (www.ec-an.eu).

Thursday December 4th

14h30: Registration
15h00: welcome by Fraser Cameron, project manager ECAN
15h15: keynote speech, ‘Prospects for EU-China Relations’ Eneku Landaburu, Director General, DG Relex
16h00: panel discussion on China - domestic developments
   . China’s new nationalism, Jonathan Story, INSEAD
   . Harmonious society, Gudrun Wacker, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik
   . Comments by Sun Xuefeng, Tsinghua University
17h30: coffee break
18h00: panel discussion on China - economic trends
   . Outward FDI and China’s national champions, Duncan Freeman, BICCS
   . Chinese SOEs and financial control by the Chinese government, Mikael Mattlin, University of Helsinki
   . Sovereign wealth funds, Alejandro Carballo, University of Valencia
   . The role of the state in China’s technological development, Arthur Gradizeck
   . Comments by Haihong Gao, CASS Institute of World Economics and Politics
19h30: Reception and dinner with an address by H.E. Song Zhe, China’s ambassador to the EU

Friday December 5th

09h00: panel discussion on China’s diplomacy
   . Regional economic policy, Bernd Berger, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy
   . China’s Africa policy, Daniel Large, SOAS
   . China and global economic governance, Paolo Farah, Milano University
   . China’s energy policy, Clara Garcia, Universidad Complutense de Madrid
   . Comments by Yuan Peng, China Institute for Contemporary International Relations (CICIR)
10h30: coffee break
11h00: panel discussion on EU-China relations
   . EU-China trade relations, Antoine Sautenet, IFRI
   . Environmental cooperation, David Scott, Brunel University
   . EU-China cooperation on human rights, Giuseppe Balducci, College d’ Europe
   . Comments by Dai Bingran, Fudan University
12h30: Closing remarks by Franz Jessen, Head of China Unit, DG Relex
13h00: Lunch

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Practical details

This conference aims at an audience of European scholars and experts in the field of contemporary China. Panelists and other invited participants were selected after two calls for papers. Others who wish to attend are welcome, but they should make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation. Applicants should send an email to Jonathan Holslag (jholslag@vub.ac.be) that includes a short CV or research profile. Accepted participants can attend the full conference as well as the dinner and lunch. The conference will be held in the Crowne Plaza Brussels. This hotel is located at Rue de la Loi 107 in Brussels: just opposite to the European Commission (map attached). The Hotel will need a credit card (or 100€) as deposit if you want to enjoy the extras. Otherwise you will have to pay them directly.

For transport from the airport to the hotel you have the following options:
. taxi to Crowne Plaza Rue de la Loi: 20 minutes;
. bus 12 (direction “Luxemburg”: stop “Shuman”): 30 minutes;
. train to Brussels North, from there train to Brussels-Shuman: 40 minutes.

Confirmed experts

Antoine Sautenet  IFRI
Artur Gradziuk  Polish Institute of International Relations
Berger Bernt  IFSH
Cristina Pinna  University of Cagliari
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Dylan Sutherland  Nottingham University
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Wilfried Huck  Brunswick European Law School
Yuan Peng  CICIR
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Maps

Map 1. Airport-Hotel

Map 2. Hotel area (more info: www.europahotelbrussels.com)