



**Invitation to an International Two-day Conference:**  
**Taiwan–China Cross–Strait Relations: What Role for the EU?**

**An International Conference in London on 18 October, 2005**

**Venue: 41-43 Birkbeck College, Gordon Square, London WC1H 0GB**

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**Brussels on 20 October, 2005**

**Venue: The Hotel Leopold, 35 rue du Luxembourg, 1040 Brussels**

The European Institute for Asian Studies and the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, in collaboration with the European Alliance for Asian Studies, are organising an annual high-level Conference entitled “**Taiwan-China Cross-Strait Relations: What Role for the EU?**” to take place in **London on October 18<sup>th</sup>** and in **Brussels on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005**. The Conference will assemble leading policymakers, scholars and civil society representatives from the EU, Taiwan and the People’s Republic of China to discuss current events and trends affecting the evolution of mutual relations.

The European Alliance for Asian Studies is pleased to welcome a most distinguished gathering of speakers on the first day of the Conference in London on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Political and security issues relating to cross-strait tensions will be highlighted in the morning sessions including the recent debate surrounding the EU arms embargo on China, changing perceptions of U.S. strategic interests in Taiwan and perceptions of the Chinese military from a regional security perspective. Featured topics from the afternoon session will address economic issues with a focus on investment, amongst which, an analysis of the objectives and modalities of Chinese Investment into the EU and a look at the role of FDI in Chinese regional economic development.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of October, the Conference will convene in Brussels at a high-profile gathering. To complement the London meeting, the session in Brussels will begin with an academic summary of the meeting in London and then proceed to address a new array of topical issues. The outlook for EU-China-Taiwan trading relations, China-Taiwan economic integration and contrasting economic perspectives of China and Taiwan will feature amongst the topics discussed in the morning, as well presentations on good governance and legitimacy in China and Taiwan. The last session of the Conference will be entirely devoted to the future of EU-China-Taiwan relations.

The organising Institutes are honoured to invite you to participate in London and Brussels and we hope that you may actively contribute to the debates throughout the Conference. The London conference will be chaired by Prof. Robert Ash, Chair of Economics with Special Reference to China and Taiwan, from the School of Oriental and African Studies. As Director of the European Institute for Asian Studies, I will be chairing the Brussels conference.

We would kindly like to request that you inform us of your participation by replying directly to this fax. Please mention your name, position and organisation and whether you wish to attend in London, Brussels or both. Alternatively, you can reply via e-mail to Zoe McCarthy ([z.mccarthy@eias.org](mailto:z.mccarthy@eias.org)). Please note that due to the high level of interest, participation is limited. EIAS members and officials of the EU institutions will be given priority.

Please do not hesitate to contact the European Institute for Asian Studies if you wish to discuss further aspects relating to this invitation or the programme of the Conference; our website [www.eias.org](http://www.eias.org) will provide regular updates of the draft programme (enclosed). Additionally, Ms. Signe Bruun-Jensen, of the European Institute for Asian Studies, will be happy to address any questions that you may have. She can be reached directly in Brussels at +32 (0)2 282 4749 as well as by email [s.bruun-jensen@eias.org](mailto:s.bruun-jensen@eias.org).

On behalf of the European Alliance for Asian Studies, the School of Oriental and African Studies and the European Institute for Asian Studies, I would like to express our gratitude for your interest and cooperation.

*Yours sincerely,*



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# Fax Reply Form:

## **London, 18 October, 2005 at Birkbeck College, 41-43 Gordon Square**

*(Nearest London Underground Tube Stations: Euston and Russel Square)*

Please confirm your participation by **Wednesday, 12 October, 2005** via fax at +32 (0) 2 230 5402 or e-mail to Zoe McCarthy ([z.mccarthy@eias.org](mailto:z.mccarthy@eias.org))

- **Name:**
- **Title:**
- **Organisation:**
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- **Telephone:**
- **Fax:**

- Yes I will attend the London Session (October 18<sup>th</sup>)**  
 **No I will not be able to attend** (please check as applicable)

## **Brussels, 20 October, 2005 at Hotel Leopold, 35 rue du Luxembourg**

*(Nearest Métro stop: Trône; also close to the Gare Luxembourg)*

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- Yes I will attend the Brussels Session (October 20<sup>th</sup>)**  
 **No I will not be able to attend** (please check as applicable)



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## **Taiwan-China Cross-Strait Relations:**

### **What role for the EU?**

*Preliminary Programme [with Timing]*

**Tuesday 18 October**

Birkbeck College, 41-43 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0GB

**Hosted by: School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London**

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**Thursday 20 October**

The Hotel Leopold, 35 rue du Luxembourg, 1040 Brussels

**Hosted by: European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels**

*A Multi-level Conference co-organised by:*

**European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS), Brussels**

**School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London**

*In collaboration with.*

**Institute of Asian Affairs (IFA), Hamburg**

**Nordic Institute for Asian Studies (NIAS), Copenhagen**

**International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), Leiden**

**Asia-Europe Centre (AEC)- Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris**

**Centre for East Asian Studies (CEAO), Universidad Autonoma Madrid**

**Swedish School for Advanced Asia-Pacific Studies (SSAAPS), Stockholm**



Participation in the conference by registration only. Please fax your Registration Form to  
EIAS, Brussels att. Zoe McCarthy fax + 32 2 230 54 02.  
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## **Tuesday 18 October – School of Oriental and African Studies, London**

09:00 Registration and Coffee at Birkbeck College, University of London, Birkbeck College, 41-43 Gordon Square,  
London WC1H 0GB

### **09:30 Opening Ceremony and Welcome Remarks:**

Prof. Robert Ash *Chair of Economics with Special Reference to China and Taiwan  
School of Oriental and African Studies, London*

Dr. Willem van der Geest *Director, European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels*

## **Part I: Political Issues with a focus on Security**

### **09:45 Session 1: Perceptions of the Mainland Chinese Military: Intentions and Strategies (working title)**

Chair: 5' Prof. Elisabeth Croll *Professor of Chinese Anthropology, Department of Development  
Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, London*

Presentations:

20' Assessing the Risk of Cross-Strait Crisis in Regional Security Dynamics  
Prof. Masako Ikegami *Professor & Director, Center for Pacific Asia Studies, Stockholm  
University*

20' Taiwan's Defence and Engagement Strategy (working title)  
Dr. Tsai Ming-Yen *Associate Professor, the Graduate Institute of International Politics,  
National Chung Hsing University, Member of Advisory Board,  
Taiwan's Defense White Paper, Taiwan*

Discussant: 15' Prof. Ding Xinghao *President, Shanghai Institute of American Studies, Shanghai  
Association of American Studies, Vice President, China Association of  
American Studies, Shanghai*

Open Discussion 25'

11:10 **Break for Coffee and Tea (15 min)**

### **11:25 Session 2: EU – U.S. Security Interests: Implications for China and Taiwan**

Chair: 5' Mr. Dick Gupwell *Secretary General, European Institute for Asian Studies*

Presentations:

20' Changing Perceptions of U.S. Strategic Interests in Taiwan  
Dr. Greg Austin *Research Director, Foreign Policy Centre, London*

20' Lifting the EU Arms Embargo on China: Implications for Cross-Strait Relations  
Dr. Sebastian Bersick *Research Fellow, European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels*

Discussants: 20' Dr. David W.F. Huang

*Vice Chairman, MAC, Associate research fellow, Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Secretary General, Taiwanese Political Science Association, Taipei*

Dr. Dafydd Fell (tbc)

*Department of Financial and Management Studies & Department of Political Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London*

Open Discussion: 30'

**13:00 Buffet Lunch (13:00 – 14:30)**

## **Part II: Economic Issues with a Focus on Investment**

### **14:30 Session 3: EU-China-Taiwan Investment Flows**

Chair: 5'

Mr. John Cushnahan

*Former Member of the European Parliament, Member of the Board, European Institute for Asian Studies*

Presentations:

20'

Objectives and Modalities of Chinese Investment into the EU

Dr. Margot Schüller

*Research Fellow, Institute of Asian Affairs (IFA), Hamburg*

20'

The Role of FDI in Chinese Regional Economic Development

Prof. Shujie Yao

*Chair of the Economics Department, Middlesex University, President, Chinese Economic Association, Middlesex, Guest Professor, Fudan University, Shanghai*

Discussant &  
Invited  
Commentator:  
20'

Ms Liu Shifang

*Former Secretary General of Executive Yuan of the Republic of China (DPP), Taiwan*

Mr. Jan-Willem Blankert

*Relations with China, DG External Relations, European Commission, Brussels*

Open Discussion: 25'

**16:00 Break for Coffee and Tea (15 min)**

### **16: 15 Summaries by the Academic Rapporteurs**

Mr. Rick Edmonds

*Former Editor of the China Quarterly*

Dr. Willem van der Geest

*Director, European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels*

**16:30 CLOSE OF LONDON CONFERENCE BY PROF. ROBERT ASH, SOAS, LONDON**

**17:00 End of London Programme**

## **Thursday 20 October – European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels**

9:00 Registration and Coffee at Hotel Leopold, 35 rue du Luxembourg, 1040 Brussels

### **9:30 Opening Ceremony and Welcome Remarks:**

Mr. Dick Gupwell *Secretary General, European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels*

### **9:45 Academic Summaries of the London Conference**

Dr. Willem van der Geest *Director, European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels*  
Mr. Rick Edmonds *Former Editor of the China Quarterly*

## **Part III: Economic Issues with a Focus on Trade and Investment**

### **10:00 Session 1: The Outlook for EU-China-Taiwan Trading Relations**

Chair: 5' Prof. Sylvain Plasschaert *Professor Emeritus, University of Antwerp and Catholic University of Leuven*

Presentations:

20' China –Taiwan Economic Integration  
Prof. Zhang Wei-Wei *Senior Research Fellow, Modern Asia Research Centre, Geneva and Professor at Fudan University, Shanghai*

20' Contrasting Perspectives of China and Taiwan  
Dr. Willem van der Geest *Director, European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels*

Discussant: 10' Prof. Robert Ash *Chair of Economics with Special Reference to China and Taiwan School of Oriental and African Studies, London*

Open Discussion: 20'

**11:15 Break for Coffee and Tea (15 min)**

## **Part IV: Political Issues with a Focus on Soft Security**

### **11:30 Session 2: Good Governance and Legitimacy in China and Taiwan**

Chair: 5' MEP (*tbc*) *Member of the European Parliament*

Presentations:

20' Good Governance and Legitimacy in China  
*Speaker to be confirmed*

20' Taiwanese Politics Since the 2004 Legislative Elections  
Ms Liu Shifang *Former Secretary General of Executive Yuan of the Republic of China (DPP), Taiwan*

Discussant: 15' Prof. Zhang Wei-Wei *Senior Research Fellow, Modern Asia Research Centre, Geneva and Professor at Fudan University, Shanghai*


Open discussion 20'

**12:50 Buffet Lunch (12:50 – 14:30)**

**14:30 Session 3: A Future Outlook for EU – China –Taiwan Relations**

Chair: 5' Senior Official (*tbc*) *Senior Official, European Commission*

Presentations:

20'  The Relevance of the EU Experience: Perceptions from China and Taiwan  
Dr. Song Xiaokun *Researcher, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium*

20' The Evolution of China – Taiwan Relations  
Prof. Ding Xinghao *President, Shanghai Institute of American Studies, Shanghai Association of American Studies, Vice President, China Association of American Studies, Shanghai*

20' Recent Developments in Cross-Strait Relations  
Dr. David W.F. Huang *Vice Chairman, MAC, Associate research fellow, Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Secretary General, Taiwanese Political Science Association, Taipei*

Discussant: 10' Dr. Sebastian Bersick *Research Fellow, European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels*

Open discussion 20'

**16:05 Break for Coffee and Tea (15 min)**

**16:20 London and Brussels: Concluding Session**

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Dr. Willem van der Geest *Director, European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels*

**16:45 CLOSE OF CONFERENCE BY MR. DICK GUPWELL, SECRETARY GENERAL, EIAS**

**17:00 All Chairs, Speakers and Participants are cordially invited to a Reception**

**18:30 End of Conference Programme**