



**Fudan-Tsinghua-Groningen Joint Research Project  
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**“Economic, political and legal influences on China-EU economic  
diplomacy”**

Final Conference at the University of Groningen (5-6 April 2019)

Day 1: Friday 5 April 2019 (Old Courtroom, Oude Boteringestraat 38):

09.00-09.30: Arrival participants; coffee and tea served

09.30-10.00: Welcome and opening remarks  
Gerry Wakker, Dean of the Faculty of Arts  
Ding Chun, Fudan University  
Shi Zhiqin, Tsinghua University  
Jan van der Harst, University of Groningen

10.00-10.30: Overview of the project  
Frank Gaenssmantel and Jan van der Harst  
Topic, goal, concepts  
Development, activities, publication options

10.30-12.00: Session 1: Tracing China-EU economic diplomacy since the year 2000  
Chair: Ding Chun  
Shi Zhiqin and You Nan  
Perspectives on China-EU comprehensive partnership  
Frank Gaenssmantel  
Tracing China-EU economic diplomacy  
Developments in China-EU relations 2014-2018 – analysing  
speeches by top leaders (by Chen Fangjia)  
Lai Suet-yi  
Mutual perceptions between China and the EU since 2006

12.00-14.00: Lunch break – Land van Kokanje (for invited speakers)

14.00-15.30: Session 2: Economic factors that condition China-EU diplomatic  
relations  
Chair: Tjalling Halbertsma  
Ding Chun  
China-EU economic and trade relationship: status quo,  
problems and perspective  
Luo Changyuan  
Intra-EU Trade and Sino-EU Trade: Substitute or  
Complementary  
Maaike Okano-Heijmans  
EU-China business and finance cooperation in third countries

15.30-16.00: Coffee/tea break



16.00-17.30: Session 3: Case studies in China-EU economic diplomacy  
Chair: Frank Gaenssmantel  
Sunkung Choi  
China-EU relations and the aircraft industry  
Zhang Chenggang  
Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and its opportunities for Europe  
Herman Voogsgeerd  
China-EU relations, “system friction” and practice in institutionalized venues with a focus on anti-dumping

18.30: Dinner – Hock Sieng (for invited speakers)

Day 2: Saturday 6 April 2019 (Old Courtroom, Oude Boteringestraat):

09.00-10.00: Session 4: Perspectives on decision-making  
Chair: Shi Zhiqin  
Xin Hua  
Chinese foreign policy think tanks’ policy influence: a case study on the influence mechanism of CIIS and SIIS over BRI policy-making  
Jan van der Harst  
The role of the European Commission in EU economic foreign policy making and China-EU economic diplomacy

10.00-10.30: Coffee/tea break

10.30-11.30: Session 5: China-EU economic diplomacy and China’s Belt and Road Initiative

Chair: Jan van der Harst  
Zhang Lihua  
German think tanks’ understanding of and comments on the “Belt and Road Initiative”  
Zoon Ahmed Khan  
Changes in EU perspectives on the Belt and Road Initiative

11.30-12.30: Final discussion round: towards publication of the output  
Jan van der Harst and Frank Gaenssmantel

12.30-14.30: Closing lunch – Corps de Garde (for invited speakers)

15.00-17.00: City tour (for invited speakers)

17.30: Dinner (for participants still in Groningen) – ‘t Feithhuis