



EXECUTIVE TRAINING SEMINAR

GLOBAL GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME

CHINA'S GLOBAL AMBITIONS IN THE AGE OF XI JINPING: ENVISIONING MULTIPLE SCENARIOS

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■ INTRODUCTION

This Executive Training Seminar brings together European and Chinese scholars with robust experience in strategic foresight to explore the most salient political and socioeconomic trends currently defining China's domestic transformations as well as Beijing's increasingly ambitious international posture. It offers outstanding graduate students, young scholars and professionals an intimate setting that encourages informal interaction and hands-on learning through scenario-making techniques. Over the first two days of training participants will be exposed to a variety of perspectives on the strategic outcomes of the 19th national congress of the Chinese Communist Party, including its implications for China's foreign policy and for the next cycle of domestic reforms envisaged to enhance the country's competitiveness. Special attention will be devoted to the Belt and Road Initiative and the 'Made in China 2025' programme. Scholars will reflect on how President Xi Jinping's stated goal of moving China to the global centre stage by 2049 will reverberate on security dynamics in the Asia-Pacific region, on world trade and global macroeconomic stability, and on international development. In pursuit of a learning experience that generates actionable knowledge for participants, the Executive Training Seminar then culminates in a half-day scenario-building exercise. In a very interactive session, participants identify and assess relevant macro-variables, isolate mega-trends and critical uncertainties, articulate alternative 'futures', and discuss appropriate policies to steer from the 'official future' to their preferred scenario.

■ DRAFT PROGRAMME

11 DECEMBER

- 09.00 - 09.15 Opening
Brigid Laffan | Director Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies and Global Governance Programme
- 09.15 - 10.45 The political topography of the Chinese Party-State after the 19th CCP national congress (part I)
Giovanni B. Andornino | University of Torino, Torino World Affairs Institute and European University Institute
- 10.45 - 11.15 Coffee break
- 11.15 - 12.45 Whither EU-China relations in the age of Donald Trump and the Belt and Road Initiative?
Ellis Matthews | Division for China, Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan and Mongolia, European External Action Service
- 12.45 - 14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00 - 15.30 The political topography of the Chinese Party-State after the 19th CCP national congress (part II)
Giovanni B. Andornino | University of Torino, Torino World Affairs Institute and European University Institute
- 15.30 - 15.45 Coffee break
- 15.45 - 17.15 Toward the 4th Plenum: charting a new path for a sustainable and competitive Chinese economy (part I)
Jean François Huchet | INALCO
- 17.15 - 17.30 Refreshments
- 17.30 - 19.00 Toward the 4th Plenum: charting a new path for a sustainable and competitive Chinese economy (part II)
Jean François Huchet | INALCO
- 20.00 Welcome dinner
Keynote speech by **Paolo Costa** (TBC) | Chairman of the Venice Port Authority

12 DECEMBER

- 09.00 - 11.00 The foreign policy implications of Beijing's search for 'national rejuvenation': power, perceptions, and China's periphery (part I)
Zhang Jian | Beijing University
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 - 13.00 The foreign policy implications of Beijing's search for 'national rejuvenation': power, perceptions, and China's periphery (part II)

Zhang Jian | Beijing University

13.00 - 14.00

Lunch break

14.00 - 15.30

Can China lead? Governing security risks along the Belt and Road (part I)

Katherine Morton | University of Sheffield

15.30 - 16.00

Coffee break

16.00 - 17.30

Can China lead? Governing security risks along the Belt and Road (part II)

Katherine Morton | University of Sheffield

17.30 - 17.45

Refreshments

17.45 - 18.45

Belt and Road - the Chinese investments

Giorgia Giovannetti | European University Institute and University of Florence

13 DECEMBER

09.00 - 09.15

Introduction to the scenario-building exercise

Giovanni Andornino | University of Torino, Torino World Affairs Institute and European University Institute

Giorgia Giovannetti | European University Institute and University of Florence

09.15 - 10.45

Scenario-building exercise (part I)

10.45 - 11.00

Coffee break

11.00 - 13.30

Scenario-building exercise (part II)

13.30 - 14.30

Farewell lunch and distribution of participation diplomas

■ **SPEAKERS**

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