



# CHINA-EU INVESTMENT 中欧投资协定 TREATY 中欧投资协定

// Symposium at Trinity College Dublin // 19 February 2016

// Towards an bilateral agreement

## SHEDDING LIGHT ON CHINA-EU INVESTMENT TALKS



**The China-EU investment treaty is the focus of the public symposium taking place on Friday 19 February 2016 at Trinity College Dublin.**

In 2013, Brussels and Beijing announced the launch of negotiations for a comprehensive EU-China Investment Agreement. This treaty would be designed to replace the current legal patchwork consisting of 26 different bilateral investment treaties that individual EU member states have negotiated with China over the past 30 years. It also reflects a shift in investment relationships between Europe and China. Today, foreign direct investment not only flows from Europe to China but also increasingly, and particularly in recent years, from China to Europe. This is the next stage of EU-China relations and marks a significant step forward in the fields of law, politics, economics and finance.

As the negotiations for a bilateral investment treaty between China and the EU are pending, the “China-EU investment treaty” symposium aims to shed light on the challenges and opportunities for building future bilateral investment. Negotiators, academics and professionals expound the business impact on Europe and China as well as address common concerns.

The “China-EU investment treaty” symposium is jointly organised by Trinity College Dublin’s School of Law and School of Business and the China-EU School of Law (CESL) at the China University of Political Science and Law. This symposium is the fourth conference in the CESL International Symposium Series which aims at bringing together legal experts from China, Europe and other parts of the world.

// Friday 19 February, Long Room Hub

# AGENDA

- ▶ **8.45 Registration**
- ▶ **9.00 Opening remarks and introduction**
  - ▶ Mr Wu Lijun, Deputy Head of Mission and Political Counsellor, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Ireland
  - ▶ Introduction by: Prof. Louis Brennan and Prof. Diarmuid Rossa Phelan, Trinity College Dublin
- ▶ **9.30 Panel discussion: “The business context of China-EU bilateral investment”**
  - ▶ Chair: Prof. Louis Brennan, Trinity College Dublin
  - ▶ Ms Hannah Levinger, Deutsche Bank
  - ▶ Prof. Jeremy Clegg, Leeds University Business School
- ▶ **10.30 Tea/Coffee**
- ▶ **10.50 Panel discussion: “Negotiating bilateral success”**
  - ▶ Chair: Prof. Diarmuid Rossa Phelan, Trinity College Dublin
  - ▶ Ms Alexandra Koutoglidou, European Commission
  - ▶ Mr David Hallinan, University College Dublin
- ▶ **12.30 Networking Lunch**
- ▶ **13.30 Panel discussion: “The legal context of China-EU bilateral investment”**
  - ▶ Chair: Prof. Hinrich Julius, University of Hamburg
  - ▶ Prof. Kong Qingjiang, China University of Political Science and Law
  - ▶ Prof. Björn Ahl, University of Cologne
  - ▶ Prof. Wang Yong, China University of Political Science and Law
- ▶ **15.15 Refreshments**
- ▶ **15.30 Roundtable discussion: “Practitioner perspectives”**
  - ▶ Chair: Mr Nick McIlroy, ESSCA Shanghai
  - ▶ Mr Alan Dukes, Chairman, Asia Matters
  - ▶ Mr Thomas Williams, Stewarts Law LLP
  - ▶ Mr Eoin McDonnell, Industrial Development Agency Ireland
- ▶ **16.45 Concluding remarks**
- ▶ **17.00 Symposium closes**

The right to substitute and rearrange lecture(r)s is reserved.



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