Jean Monnet annual conference in European Studies - Asia Programme

Date: Thursday & Friday, 23 - 24 April 2026

Convenor: EU*Asia Institute at ESSCA School of Management, Jean Monnet Chair "Teaching and Research in European Studies (TRES)" together with the East China Normal University

Venue: East China Normal University, Putuo Campus, Science Building A416 (for Opening Ceremony) & A404 (for Workshop) & Online via TEAMS 华东师范大学普陀校区理科大楼 A416 & A404

Workshop Day 1: Thursday, 23 April 2026

Opening-Ceremony Venue: Science Building A416

9 :00 – 9 :30	**Registration**
9 :30 – 10 :20	**Welcome by the organisers and editors** Presentation of the sections, academic structure, and feedback to authors **Prof. Jing Men,** East China Normal University, Jean Monnet Chair **Prof. Chun Ding,** Director of the Centre for European Studies, Jean Monnet Chair, Fudan University **Prof. Guanjun Wu,** Dean of the School of Politics and International Relations, Distinguished Professor, East China Normal University **Prof. Thomas Hoerber,** ESSCA - EU*Asia Institute, Jean Monnet Chair and Director of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence STARS
10 :20 – 10 :40	**Group Photo**

Workshop Venue: Science Building A404

Meeting link: TEAMS

10 :40 – 12 :00 **Session 1: Europe in (and) the World – Defence Policy**

*Chair: Prof Thomas Hoerber, ESSCA EU*Asia Institute*

- Online Xiangfeng Yang, China's Response to the Ukraine War and the conjoining of European and Asian security, Lingnan University

  杨向峰 岭南大学政府与国际事务学系副教授

- Online Biao Zhang, The Chinese Perception of European Strategic Autonomy in Defense: The Case of Scholarly Discourse, China University of Political Science and Law

  张彪 中国政法大学政治与公共管理学院副教授 国际政治系系主任

- **Questions and answers**

12 :00 –13:00 Lunch break

13 :00 – 14 :00 **Session 2: Europe in (and) the World – Foreign Policy**

*Chair: Dr YiXiong Huang, ESSCA EU*Asia Institute*

- In person Zhuo Fu, From Rhetoric to Policy? China-Related Discourse and Foreign Policy Positioning in the European Context: The Case of Italy's Meloni Government, Communication University of China

  付卓 中国传媒大学外国语言文化学院副教授、区域国别研究院意大利传播研究中心主任

- Online Michael Reiterer, Between Leviathan and Multilateralism: Europe, China and the Struggle for a New Global Order, Brussels School of Governance

  迈克尔· 雷蒂勒尔 前欧盟驻韩国大使 布鲁塞尔治理学院安全与外交战略中心教授

- **Questions and answers**

14 :00 – 15 :15 **Session 3: Sustainability Policies in the World**

Chair: Mr. Muhsin Manas Kavasoglu, East China Normal University

- In person Shutian Deng, From Deadlock To De-Risking: A Trans-Partisan Analysis Of The EU-Mercosur, Beijing Foreign Studies University

  邓舒天 北京外国语大学 区域与国际治理高等研究院 硕士生

- In person Blanca Marabini San Martín, Contesting EU–China Relations: Decarbonisation, De-Risking, and the Politics of EV Competition, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid

  马霜智 马德里自治大学东方亚洲研究中心 博士生

- **Questions and answers**

15 :15 – 15 :40 Coffee break

15 :40 – 17 :00 CET **Session 4: Sustainability Policies in Europe**

*Chair: Prof Thomas Hoerber, ESSCA EU*Asia Institute*

- In person Muhsin Manas Kavasoglu, Impact of the EU AI Act on Asian economies, East China Normal University

  梅希恩· 马纳斯· 卡瓦索格鲁 华东师范大学硕士生

- In person Pengfei Hou, Errand of Mercy or Neo-mercantilism? Understanding South Korea's Engagement in CEE Nuclear Energy Development, Xinjiang University

  侯鹏飞 新疆大学政治与公共管理学院副教授

- In person Qiao Cong-rui, Sustainable Transitions in the European Union and Its Implications for China: Regulatory and Compliance Approaches to Responsible Business, Legal Expert

  乔聪睿 国际法与负责任商业领域法律与政策专家

- **Questions and answers**

18 :00 Conference Dinner

Workshop Day 2: Friday, 24 April, 2026

Meeting link: TEAMS

Room: Science Building A404

10 :00 – 11 :45 **Session 5: European Values, Society and Democracy**

Chair: Prof. Pengfei Hou, Xinjiang University

- In person Nikoletta Syvak, Populism in Europe and the Transformation of European democracy, East China Normal University

  尼科莱塔· 西瓦克 华东师范大学 政治与国际关系学院 硕士生

- In person Agata Naruszewicz, Structural Constraints on the Development of the Left in Poland: A European Comparative Perspective, East China Normal University

  夏媛佳 华东师范大学 新汉学计划博士生项目 博士生

- In person Min Du, The Impact of the EU's Investment Screening Mechanism on EU Investment in China under the "De-risking" Strategy, Shanghai University of International Business and Economics

  杜敏 上海对外经贸大学区域国别学 硕士生

- **Questions and answers**

12 :00 – 13 :30 Lunch break

13 :30 – 14 :30 **Presentation of Euroglopaedia**

Prof. Thomas HOERBER, ESSCA - EU*Asia Institute

Prof Stéphanie Laulhé Shaelou, University of Central Lancashire (UCLan Cyprus), Director of the Centre of Excellence on the Rule of Law and European Values (CRoLEV)

14 :30 – 15: 20 Open Discussion

15: 20 – 15:45 **Book launch:** Remade in South China: Bottom-Up Innovation in Guangdong, by the author Prof Wei Zhao, Institute of Public Policy, South China University of Technology

15 :45 **Concluding Remarks**