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## EU-China Security Cooperation: performance and prospects

### Aims and objectives

As the EU and China have enlarged their relations from economic and trade issues to political ones in the last ten years and as their shared interests and aims have grown over this time, issues of joint security concerns have become more prominent in their relationship. To explore the extent and direction to which the EU-China are cooperating in the field of security is the aim of the proposed book. In particular, the book seeks to explore a range of key themes in the field of EU China security cooperation such as nuclear proliferation, international terrorist threats, and cyber attacks.

While recognising the contribution that Europe and China have made to each others' security and stability in recent decades, leading to a formal declaration of a strategic partnership between the two in 2003, the book will highlight problems and challenges that remain across the spectrum of EU China security cooperation. By analysing relevant documents and statements issued by either the EU or the Peoples Republic of China, or jointly by the two, the aim is to determine the extent to which the two partners not only express similar threat concerns, or make declarations about joint responses, but also adopt concrete measures in the pursuance of security cooperation.

The book will go beyond general issues such as sovereignty (different perceptions between EU and China) or the EU-China political dialogue, and focus on the "nuts and bolts" of EU China security cooperation. The main objective of the book/project is to investigate the converging or diverging positions and perceptions of the two partners with regard to a number of security dimensions. However, common EU positions or views do not always exist, and there is a certain amount of competition between EU foreign policy conducted by EU officials and the plurality of national foreign policies. Part of the task is therefore to explore the extent of those prevailing differences between the national and the common EU position and to explore to what extent these differences might influence the overall security cooperation convergence or divergence between the EU and China. But, to repeat, the overall objective is to explore the extent to which there is convergence or divergence in the area of EU-China security cooperation, the reasons for either occurrence, and the prospects for further collaborative development.

The ten security dimensions are: Nuclear Proliferation; Terrorism and Organised Crime; Energy and Climate Change; Human Security; Civil Security/Protection; Cyber Attacks; Maritime Security; Economic Dimension of Security, Immigration/Migration and Regional Conflicts.

**Implementation Steps**

The preparation of the book will be facilitated by the presentation and discussion of papers in two workshops and a conference, and in the publication of an Online Policy Paper series. The idea is to approach the ten security dimensions from a European and a Chinese perspective respectively (1st WS, April 2014, Brussels) in order to compare and contrast how the EU and China approach the respective security domains. The presentations and discussions of this workshop will then result in the publication of Online Policy Papers (4,000 to 5,000 words each).

The format for the workshops and the Policy Papers are as follows (depending of course whether is approached from either an EU or Chinese perspective):

a) Introduction section, laying out the nature of the security dimension, why it is important to consider it for EU-China (China-EU) security cooperation, the likely contribution it is to make to that cooperation, and how the paper will unfold?
b) How either the EU or China perceives the threats in this particular security domain.
c) How either the EU or China, in its own ways, has responded to the identified threats in this security domain.
d)  How either the EU or China  has dealt with the issue in international fora (e.g., UN, WTO, etc).
e) Conclusion, summarising the major findings and providing an outlook.

Following these publications, the attempt will be made to pair European and Chinese (Asian) scholars in the production of the book. To meet that objective would entail that each of the ten chapters has two (or possibly three) co-authors. The chapters will build on the drafts presented in the Online Policy Papers. The length of each comparative chapter would be around 9,000 words.

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b) How either the EU or China perceives the threats in this particular security domain.
c) How either the EU or China, in its own ways, has responded to the identified threats in this security domain.
d)  How EU-China (China-EU) joint bilateral action has developed in this area; comprising both declarations and actual deeds (common actions).This could also entail references to the main drivers for common actions or inactions.
e)  How either the EU or China  has dealt with the issue in international fora (e.g., UN, WTO, etc).

f) To what extent  is there convergence or divergence in the positions which either the EU or China has with the other partners in the particular security domain and the reasons for either occurrence. This could also entail references to the main drivers for common actions or inactions.

g) Conclusion, summarising the major findings and providing an outlook.

The project will conclude with a conference in Brussels (2015), where the major findings will be presented.

Provisional Schedule

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| November 2013 | Editors' meeting, Brussels |
| December 2014 | Submission of book proposal to publisher |
| April 2014 | First EUSC Project workshop, Brussels |
| June 2014 | Launch of the EUSC Policy Paper Series |
| October 2014 | Second EUSC Project workshop, Beijing |
| December 2014 | Draft book chapters to editors |
| January 2015 | Editors' comments to authors |
| March 2015 | EUSC Project Conference, Brussels |
| April 2015 | Final book chapters to editors |
| June 2015 | Book manuscript to publisher |
| December 2015 | Book publication |