





## PRESIDENT'S FORWARD

We are pleased to present the annual report for the China-CEE Institute for 2022. This marks the fifth year since the establishment of the Institute, and we are confident that it has made a valuable contribution to the promotion of knowledge-based reports, analyses, and discussions between China and Central and Eastern European countries.

In 2022, the China-CEE Institute has made significant progress in regional and country studies in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as in China-Europe joint cooperation. Some of the accomplishments of the year include the publication continuous of various materials such as weekly briefings, working papers, public opinion surveys, and books. Additionally, the Institute has organized a range of online international conferences and seminars.

We are confident that the China-CEE Institute will continue to excel in its fields of focus and broaden its reach through the publication of more academic materials. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our partners for their successful cooperation throughout the past year.

#### FENG ZHONGPING

President, China-CEE Institute Director General, Institute of European Studies Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

#### **CHEN XIN**

Executive President, China-CEE Institute
Deputy Director General , Institute of European Studies
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences



The China-CEE Institute aims to be a Think Tank on regional and country studies in Central and Eastern Europe. China-CEE Institute builds ties and strengthens partnerships with academic institutions and Think Tanks in Central and Eastern European countries. And China-CEE Institute also welcomes scholars and researchers in CEE countries to carry out joint researches, field studies, seminars and lecture series, some training programs for younger students, translation, and publication, etc. To gain a high profile and to penetrate into the knowledge market with a professional niche, China-CEE Institute publishes weekly briefings, working papers, books, survey, launches joint project, and organizes conferences, workshops and lectures.

#### STRUCTURE

China-CEE Institute is established by Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), registered as the non-profit corporation in Budapest, Hungary. The Institute of European Studies, CASS, is responsible for organizing and managing it. The China-CEE Institute has established the International Academic Committee and invited corresponding academicians and associate researchers.

The managing board of the China-CEE Institute is the following:

- Feng Zhongping, Director
   General of the Institute of
   European Studies (IES),
   CASS, is the President of
   the China-CEE Institute.
- Wang Lei, Director General
  of Bureau of International
  Cooperation, CASS, is the
  Vice-President of the
  China-CEE Institute.
- Chen Xin, Deputy Director
   General of the IES, CASS,
   is the Executive President
   and Managing Director of
   the China-CEE Institute.
- Liu Zuokui is the Vice-President of the China-CEE Institute and Deputy Director General of the IES, CASS.



## International Academic Committee

#### Cai Fang

Chief Expert of National Think Tank,
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Chairman of International Academic Committee
of the China-CEE Institute

Cai Fang is the chief expert of National Think Tank and Academician of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). He is a member of the Standing Committee and Vice Chairman of the Agricultural & Rural Affairs Committee of the 13th National People's Congress of China. Professor Cai's research interests include: China's economic reform and development, population economics, labor economics, and poverty. Professor Cai's recent publications include: Demystifying the Economic Growth in Transition China, China's Economic Development and Its Implications for the World.

#### **Huang Ping**

Vice Chairman of International Academic Committee

Of the China-CEE Institute

Professor Huang Ping, Ph.D. in Sociology (LSE, London, 1991), Senior Research Fellow at the CASS since 1997, is now the Executive President, Chinese Institute of Hong Kong(2019-), and President, Chinese Association of World Politics Studies(2017-), Chairman, China Association for Promotion of Cultural Exchange & Cooperation(2020-), Vice President, Chinese Association for Hong Kong and Macao Studies(2012-), Co-Chair (2014-2020), Vice President(2021-), International Institut Transcultra (Paris). Huang Ping is a Member of the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. Prof. Huang's major research areas, and published books and articles, in poverty and social development, globalization, China-US relations and China-Relations, East-West Trans-cultural understanding/misunderstanding, and Studies of Hong Kong, Macao, and Taiwan. He was the coordinator for China-EU High-Level Culture Forum for five times, and Co-Chaired UN and EU research programs including Internationalization of Social Sciences in Eastern Europe.



#### Chen Xin

Deputy Director General of the Institute of European Studies, CASS Executive President and Managing Director, the China-CEE Institute

Professor Dr. Chen Xin is the deputy director general of the Institute of European Studies, CASS. He is also the Executive President as well as Managing Director of the China-CEE Institute in Budapest. He studied at Pécs University in Hungary in late 1980s and International Politics at the Graduate School of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in 1990s. He obtained a PhD degree in Law. From 2007 to 2008, he was appointed as the Chinese Co-Director of the EU-China European Studies Centres Programme (ESCP), a joint project cofinanced by the Chinese Government and the European Commission. He is the deputy chair of the Chinese Association of European Studies (CAES), vice president of the China Society of Emerging Economies (CSEE), vice president of the China Society of Central and Eastern European Studies (CSCEES), and an Executive member of Chinese Association on International Economic Relations. His main research interests are EU-China Trade and Economic Relations, European Economy, and Central East European Studies.

#### **Kong Tianping**

Senior Research Fellow, the Institute of European Studies, CASS

Professor Kong Tianping, Senior Research Fellow in the Institute of European Studies, CASS. He teaches in the School of International Relations in the University of CASS. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Shandong University in 1986. After he finished program of Master Degree in the Graduate School of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in 1989, he started to work for the Institute of Soviet and Eastern European Studies. He received Ph. D. for laws in the Graduate School of CASS in 1996. He was a visiting scholar in the East Central European Center in Columbia University in 1998. From October 2001 to August 2002, he did research in Warsaw School of Economics (SGH) as a visiting scholar. He used to serve as director for Division of East European Studies in Institute of Russian, Central Asian and East European Studies and director for the Division of Central and Eastern European Studies in the Institute of European His research fields cover transformation Europeanization in CEE, transition economies, comparative economic system, international politics, China-CEE relations. He is an executive council member of Chinese Society of Emerging Economies, council member of Chinese Association for European Studies, president of Chinese Association of Central and Eastern European Studies.



#### Metka Tekavčič

Dean, School of Economics and Business University of Ljubljana

Professor Metka Tekavčič is the Dean of the School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana (FELU). From 2001 to 2007 professor Tekavčič was Vice-Dean at the FELU. From 1999 to 2001 she was also the Head of the Academic Unit of Management and Organization. Her research interest lies in the fields of cost and performance management, as well as non- profit and especially education management. Prof. Tekavčič has attended many international conferences, where she has presented papers from her research areas. She is a member of editorial boards in several prominent journals from her research field. Prof. Tekavčič is president of the FELU's Senate and the Head of the Institute for Management and Organization. In 2014 she was awarded the Artemida award for Women's Excellence in Management. From 1992 till 2013 she was a member of the City Council of Ljubljana, Slovenia. She has long been and remains a member of the supervisory boards of many important Slovenian companies and other institutions. Since 2017, prof. Tekavčič has also served as a member of the AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) Initial Accreditation Committee and a member the and European Advisory Council (EAC).

#### András Inotai

Senior Research fellow, Institute of World Economics
Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Professor András INOTAI is a Senior Research Fellow at Institute of World Economics of Hungarian Academy of Sciences, visiting professor at the College of Europe (Bruges and Warsaw), Centre for European Integration (University of Bonn, Germany) and European Online Academy (Berlin and Nice). He is member of various international scientific/advisory boards (Progressive Economic Initiative and TEPSA in Brussels, College of Europe, Bertelsmann Foundation) and member of the editorial board of more than a dozen international professional journals. His main research areas major economic challenges in the era of globalisation (growth and job-creation, demography, migration, supply security); the shifting balance of global economic power, with special reference to China; global financial, economic and social crisis and its medium-term consequences; the post-crisis European integration: deepening, enlarging and global role; economic transformation in Central and Eastern Europe: retrospection after twenty years in regional comparison.



#### Časlav Ocić

Academician, Full Member, Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts

Professor Časlav Ocić, was born on May 5, 1945 in Dalj, an economist by profession. He is a member (corresponding since 2003 and full member since 2015) of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts (SASA). He is the Chairman of the Committee on Economic Sciences of the SASA; Chairman of the SASA Population Study Committee; Editor in charge of the economy of the Serbian Encyclopedia; Editor-in-Chief of Synaxa, the Matica Srpska (MS) International Journal for Social Sciences, Arts and Culture, since 2017; Editor-in-Chief of the MS Journal for Social Sciences, 2005-2016; Deputy editor-in-chief of the Ekslibris Chronicles magazine since 1995; EU expert for evaluation of the project in the field of social sciences, since 2005. He has been Member, founder and President of the Scientific Society "Kosta Cukić" since 1999; Member of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies since 2000; Regular member (he was in the Presidency) of the Scientific Society of the Economists; Regular member of the Serbian Academy of Economic Sciences; One of the founders of the Society for Economic History; Member of the International Association for the Science of Regional Development (IRSA); Member of WEA (World Economics Association); Founder and President of the Exsibris Society of Belgrade; Member of FISAE (International Federation of Ex-Libris Societies) since 1994. Author of 40 books (20 monographs plus 20 thematic collections of papers), numerous articles... (see: Sanja Cvrkota, Bibliografija Časlava Ocića 1970-2020 /Bibliography of Časlav Ocić, 1970-2020/, Belgrade 2021).

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WEEKLY BRIEFING



# WEEKLY BRIEFING

China-CEE Institute weekly briefings are database for country studies of Central and Eastern European countries, European Studies and International Relations and other fields of social sciences. To gain a high profile, to penetrate into the knowledge market with a professional niche and to provide high quality products, China-CEE Institute establishes a good collaboration with non-residential researchers from various countries.

By December 2022, weekly briefings have covered 17 countries. They are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia. China-CEE Institute has published 659 weekly briefings during the whole year of 2022.

There are four weekly briefings per month for each country in terms of domestic politics, economy, society and external relations. Each briefing, focusing on one or two main issues with analysis, is about the latest development in each country, normally about issues from the previous month. Theoretically, each briefing is about 1500 words in English.

China-CEE Institute weekly briefings are published with ISSN: 2939-5933.

All briefings are accessible on the website of China-CEE Institute (https://www.china-cee.eu/).



## WORKING PAPER

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include articles that are of interest to the academic community, as well as researchers in Central and Eastern European Countries and worldwide. Starting from October 2017, articles WORKINGundergoPERefereeing process, and their publication is supervised by an academic committee.

China-CEE Institute Working Paper series



To the end of 2022, 138 working papers are included, with ISSN: 2560-1628. Some working papers have been formulated into book format. In 2022, working papers are mainly based on theme. i.e. "Promoting Practical one Cooperation between China and CEE Countries in the Post-epidemic Era". This year, 13 working papers were published. It is the objective of China-CEE Institute Working Paper Series to disseminate the research results to a wider range of audiences, including academia as well as general public. Thus, all Working Papers can be downloaded free of charge from our website AUTHORS of the Institute or can be accessed via the newsletter for registered visitors.

## CHINA WATCH

This year, we selected, edited, translated and published representative articles from leading scholars in China. The publication aims to reflect the latest views and thinking of the Chinese academic circles on the international political economy and China's economic and social development in a timely and comprehensive manner. We hope to promote Chinese and foreign academic exchanges, mutual understanding, progress and development.

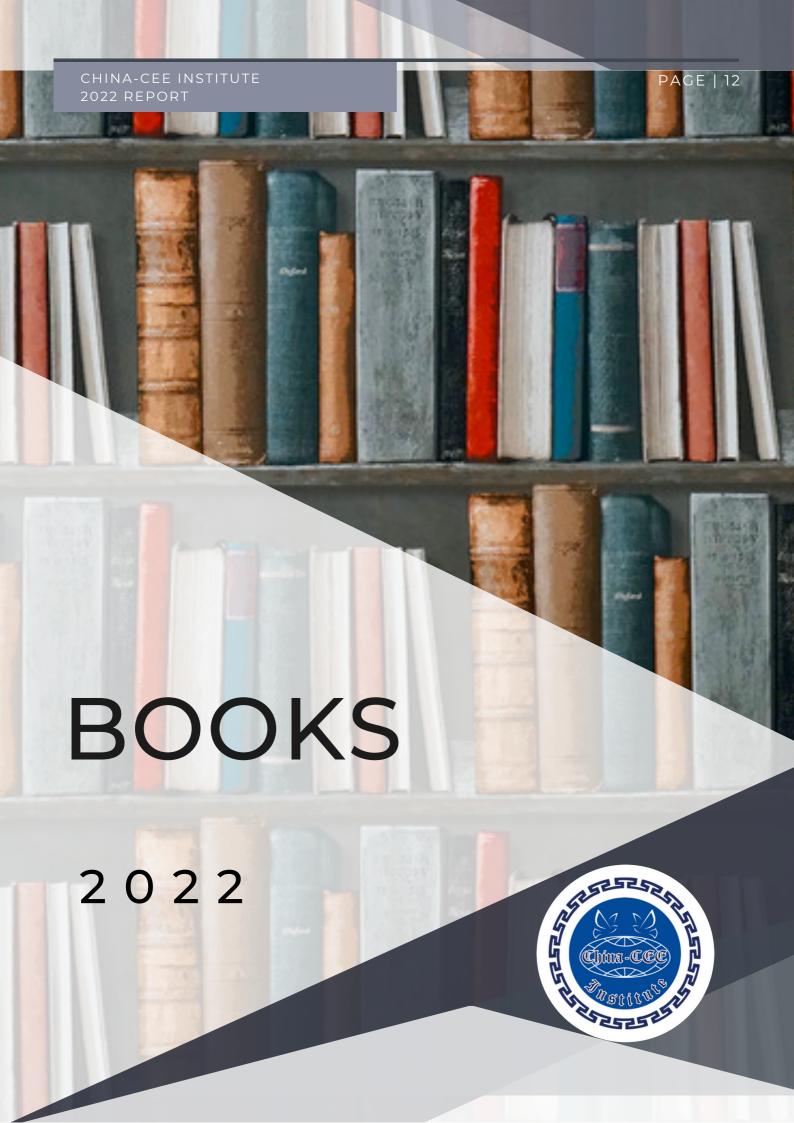
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#### China Watch

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China Watch was launched on October 1, 2021 with ISSN 2786-2860. During 2022, 45 articles were published in China Watch, covering topics such as relations between China and EU, relations between China and US, economic development of China, green economy in China and the world, etc.





### Green Development in CEE Countries Policies and Actions

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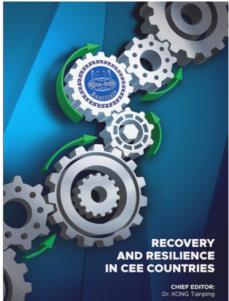
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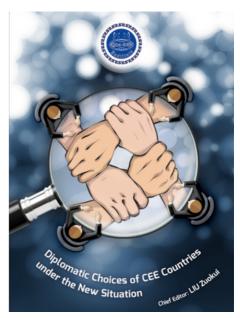
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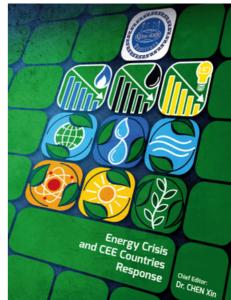


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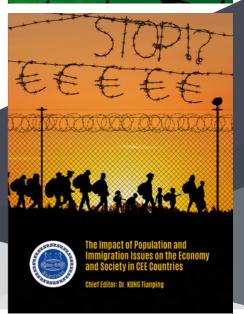


The Impact of Population and Immigration Issues on the Economy and Society in CEE Countries

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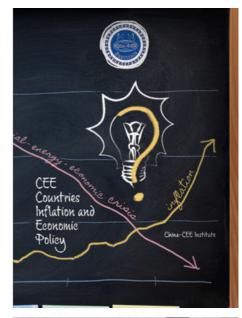
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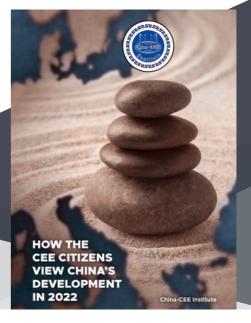


HOW THE CEE CITIZENS VIEW CHINA'S DEVELOPMENT IN 2022

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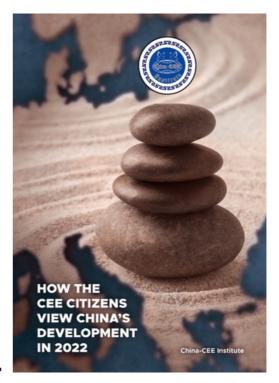




#### GKI Economic Research Co.

We analyse, you take the decision.

China-CEE Institute launches a tender entitled "A Survey on China's Image in CEE 2022". The aim of this survey is to identify that how people in CEE countries view modern China, China's development, the Belt & Road Initiative (BRI) as well as China-CEEC Cooperation. The result of the survey will provide a platform for both China and CEE countries to further promote mutual understanding. The survey is funded by the China-CEE Institute. Institutions engaging with opinion polls are preferred.



### SURVEY 2022

China-CEE Institute in cooperation with GKI Economic Research Co. had implemented a massive survey in July-October 2022 with the following characteristics:

- 1. Continuity. Since the establishment in 2017, the China-CEE Institute had implemented 5 round surveys in every autumn in Central and Eastern Europe, with the same questions and same methods. Continuity can provide possibility for further conducting comparative studies, and have an in-depth picture of the citizens in Central and Eastern Europe on China's development.
- 2. Coverage. The survey covers 16 Central and Eastern European countries, and as well as Greece and Belorussia. All together 18 countries had been surveyed.
- 3. Sample. In each country we have 1000 sample copies and all together we have 18,000 sample copies.
- 4. Quality. Working together with professional survey institutions, like Ipsos, Impetus Research (former GFK) and TNS Kantor, and using 3 different survey methods such as CAPI, CAWI and CATI, we can ensure the quality of the survey.

## RESEARCH PROJECT CALL FOR PAPER

China-CEE Institute, registered as a non-profit limited company in Budapest, was established by Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in April 2017. China-CEE Institute aims to build ties and strengthen partnerships with academic institutions and think tanks in Hungary as well as other Central and Eastern European countries.

China-CEE Institute encourages scholars and researchers from CEE countries to carry out joint research and field studies, to (co-)organize seminars and lecture series, and to launch some training programs for students, newly established researchers, etc.

"Promoting China and CEE
Countries Practical Cooperation in
the Post-epidemic Era"

The purpose of this Call is to study the practical cooperation between China and CEE countries in the postepidemic era. The research could be developed from country perspective, regional and European perspectives. The aim is to have a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of how China and CEE Countries could conduct practical cooperation in the post-epidemic era. Each applicant is supposed to give a clear and scientific elucidation of the topic in the abstract.



## RESEARCH PROJECT CALL FOR PROPOSAL

China-CEE Institute launches a call for proposal of research project entitled "The Relations Between China and Central and Eastern European Countries in the Changing Geopolitical Context" in 2022. The purpose of this Call is to study the development of relations between China and CEE countries in the context of post-epidemic era and Geopolitical changes. The research should shed light on the views of government, business circles, civil society, think tank, etc.

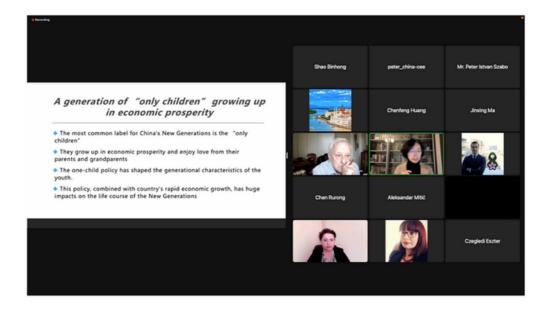
"The Relations Between China and Central and Eastern European Countries in the Changing Geopolitical Context"

#### Two research projects:

- 1, "THE RELATION BETWEEN CHINA, NORTH MACEDONIA AND SERBIA IN THE CHANGING GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT" by Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia and Institute of International Politics and Economics, Belgrade, Serbia.
- 2, "Opportunities and obstacles of economic cooperation between China and Montenegro and North Macedonia" by Institute for strategic studies and prognoses, Montenegro.

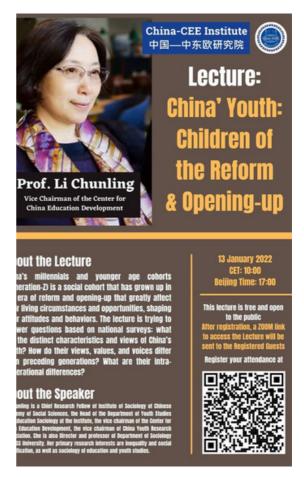


## CHINA'S YOUTH: CHILDREN OF THE REFORM AND OPENING-UP



On 13 January 2022, the China-CEE Institute invited Prof. LI Chunling, Vice-Chair of the Center for China Education Development at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, to deliver a lecture entitled "China's Youth: Children of the Reform and Opening-up". The Institute's non-resident researchers and researchers from partner institutions participated in the lecture.

In this lecture, Prof. LI answered several key questions about China's youth generations based on national surveys: what are the distinct characteristics and views of China's youth? How do their views, values, and voices differ from preceding generations? What are their intra-generational differences? Prof. LI argued that as a result of the reform and opening-up, China's youth saw higher economic prosperity, increased educational attainment, and new culture on the internet, they became supporters of value change and demonstrated cultural self-confidence as China grew to global prominence.



## DUAL CIRCULATION: INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS AND INSPIRATIONS



On 23 February 2022, the China-CEE Institute invited Prof. YANG Panpan, Senior Research Fellow of the Institute of World Economy and Politics of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, to deliver a lecture entitled "Dual Circulation: International Comparisons and Inspirations". The Institute's non-resident researchers and researchers from partner institutions participated in the lecture.

In this lecture, Prof. YANG answered based questions on international comparisons: What are the "dual circulation" patterns of the United States, the European Union, and Japan compared to China? What enlightenment can the EU's integration bring China's construction of the" circulation" pattern? What kind of "dual circulation" China's pattern is future development direction? Based on the answers, Prof. YANG argued that the "dual circulation" new development pattern has three aspects: smooth domestic circulation, promoting domestic and international dual circulation, accelerating the cultivation of the domestic demand system.



#### **About the Lecture**

China has proposed a "dual circulation" development pattern whereby domestic market as the mainstay and the domestic and foreign markets can boost each other. The lecture is trying to answer questions based on international comparisons: What are the "dual circulation" patterns of the United States, the European Union and Japan compared to China? What enlightenment can the EU's integration bring to China's construction of the "dual circulation" pattern? What kind of "dual circulation" pattern is China's tuture development direction?

#### **About the Speaker**

Yang Panpan is a Senior Research Fellow of Institute of World Economy and Politics of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the Deputy Head of the Department of International Finance, the Secretary of Research Center for International Finance. Her primary research interests are International Finance, as well as International economic noticy in China. 23 February 2022
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## CHINA'S MACROECONOMIC SITUATION AND POLICY OUTLOOK

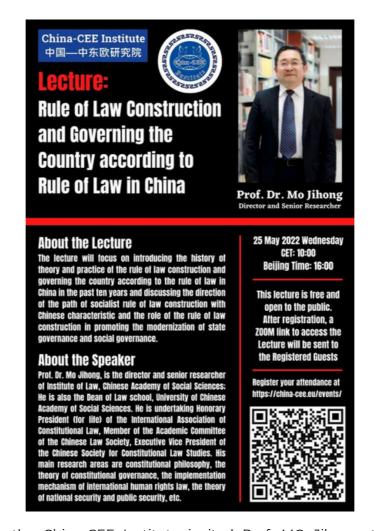


On 13 April 2022, the China-CEE Institute invited Prof. Xu Qiyuan, Deputy Director of Institute of World Economics and Politics at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, to deliver a lecture entitled "China's Macroeconomic Situation and Policy Outlook". The Institute's non-resident researchers and researchers from partner institutions participated in the lecture.

In this lecture, Prof. Xu answered several key questions about China's macroeconomic situation and challenges: How is China's economic growth momentum? How about the expectation of growth and its key drivers? How much easing can be expected for the macroeconomic policies? What is the outlook for the collaboration between China and EU? Prof. Xu unfolded the main concerns amongst economists in China by targeting the most pressing issues in China's economy and showed how Chinese economists perceive the current state of affairs.

The lecture lasted about one hour in total. During the Q & A session, the participants posed several questions about the economic consequences of using a shutdown to limit the Omicron variant, the major challenges for Chinese market mechanism in Ukrainian crisis and West's conflict with Russia, etc.

## RULE OF LAW CONSTRUCTION AND GOVERNING THE COUNTRY ACCORDING TO RULE OF LAW IN CHINA



On 25th May 2022, the China-CEE Institute invited Prof. MO Jihong, the director and Professor of Institute of Law, CASS and the Honorary President of the International Association of Constitutional Law, to deliver a lecture entitled "Rule of Law Construction and Governing the Country according to Rule of Law in China". Dr. MA Jinxing, Project Manager of China-CEE Institute, moderated this lecture.

The plan to build the rule of law in China (2020-2025) states that the rule of law is a hallmark of human civilization's progress, as well as the basic way of governance. Prof. MO introduced the history of theory and practice of the rule of law construction and governing the country according to the rule of law in China in the past ten years, the relationship between Xi Jinping Thought and rule of law in China, and discussed the direction of the path of socialist rule of law construction with Chinese characteristic and the role of the rule of law construction in promoting the modernization of state governance and social governance. In this Lecture, Prof.MO made analysis of the objectives of supervision of the exercise of power, full protection for the legitimate rights and interests of the people and the establishment of faith in the rule of law. Finally, he concluded that Rule of Law, as a systematic project, was not only one value but also a policy to govern the country. Rule of Law has a strong subjectivity which shows the nature of the subject who has the right to say the rule of law, it should be developed based on the concrete historical and social conditions.

#### CHINA-AFRICA COOPERATION AND THE ROLE OF EUROPE IN THE CHANGING WORLD





#### China-Africa **Cooperation and the Role of Europe in** the Changing World

Dr. Li Xinfeng Senior Research Fellow, CASS



#### **About the Lecture**

- In this lecture, Prof. Li would shed light on the following key topics in the relation between China and Africa. 1, An introduction to China-Africa cooperation: history and current
- Chinese aid and African development, and related issues on "debt problems" of African countries, transparency of Chinese aid: 3, Possible cooperation of China and Europe in the development of

#### **About the Speaker**

Dr. Li Xinfeng is a writer, senior research fellow, Executive President of China-Africa institute, Director General of Institute of West Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, and editor in chief of Journal of West Asia and Africa and Journal of China-Africa Studies, He is an expert ce of the State Council, award win "Advanced Individual" of CASS in 2021, and also serves as Vice President of "Advanced individual" of class in 2021, and also serves as vice President of chinese Association of Asian and African Studies. I Minteng used to be the chief international correspondent of the People's Bailty in South Africa, and deputy editor in chief of Social Sciences in China Press. Re has published more than 20 papers in either Chinese or English and books of China in Africa: in Zheng He's Footsteps (Chinese and English version). Zheng He and Africa in Zheng He's Footsteps (Chinese and English version). Zheng He and Africa in Zheng He's Footsteps (Chinese and English version). Zheng He and Life of China Africa: in Zheng He's Footsteps (Chinese and English version), Zh Africa, A Study of Land System in South Africa. He is now presid umes), a key project of National

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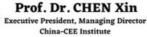
On 21 June 2022, the China-CEE Institute invited Prof. LI Xinfeng, Executive President of China-Africa Institute, Director General of Institute of West Asian and African Studies at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, to deliver a lecture entitled "China-Africa Cooperation and the Role of Europe in the Changing World". The Institute's non-resident researchers, researchers from partner institutions and other scholars participated in the lecture.

In this lecture, Prof. LI examined three stages of China-Africa ties from ancient time to the present days and highlighted that China has close and friendly contact with African countries more than one thousand years. Regarding the current contentious issues surrounding the "debt problems," claimed primarily by the western media, of African countries, Prof. LI defended that the causes of the debt problems occurred in some African countries are not from China, but rather the countries' own systematically poor financial situation. In order to assist African nations in solving their difficulties, China and the rest of the globe should deepen their cooperation with them. In this regard, trilateral collaboration between Africa, China, and the EU has great promise for the development of African nations during the postpandemic and post-regional political crisis periods.

The lecture lasted about one and half hours in total. During the Q & A session, the participants posed several questions about the possible direction of China-African cooperation in the pandemic and region political crisis, related issues on African students studying in China, etc.

#### PROSPERITY THROUGH DEVELOPMENT





China-CEE Institute 中国—中东欧研究院 LECTURE: PROSPERITY



#### **About the Lecture**

China is the only big power in the world who's presperity had been achieved based on its own peaceful development in last 4 decades. No war, no colonization, and no ideology export. This is the bigest contribution to the world development, integration into the world economy has been stimulated the potential of market actors, functioning government can enhance the spill over effects of the infrastructure and can make macro economic policy more resilient against turmoils of geopolitical conflicts. This is the China's pattern: Prosperity through development.

#### **About the Speaker**

Professor Dr. CHEN Xin is the deputy director general of the Institute of European Studies, CASS, He is also the Executive President as well as Managing Director of the China-EE Institute in Budapest. He studied at Péca University in Hungary in late 1980s and international Politics at the Graduate School of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences CASS) in 1990s. He chinese Co-Director of the EU-China European Studies Centres Programme (ESCP), a joint project co-linanced by the Chinese Government and the European Commission. He is the deputy chair of the Chinese Association of European Studies (CAES), vice president of the Chinese Society of Emerging Economies (CSEP), vice president of the Chinese Society of European European Studies (CSEES), president of the Chinese Society of European Economies CSEP, vice president of the Chinese Society of European Economies CSEP, vice president of the Chinese Society of European Economies CSEP, vice president of the Chinese Society of European Economies CSEP, vice president of the Chinese Society of European Economies CSEP, vice president of the Chinese Society of European Economies CSEP, vice president of the Chinese Society of European Economies CSEP, vice president of the Chinese Society of European Economies CSEP, vice president of the Chinese Society of European Economies CSEP, vice president of the Chinese Society of European Economies CSEP, vice president of the Chinese Society of European Economies CSEP, vice president of the Chinese Society of European Economies CSEP, vice president of the Chinese Society of European Economies CSEP, vice president of the Chinese Society of European Economies CSEP, vice president of the Chinese Society of European Economies CSEP, vice president of the Chinese Econ

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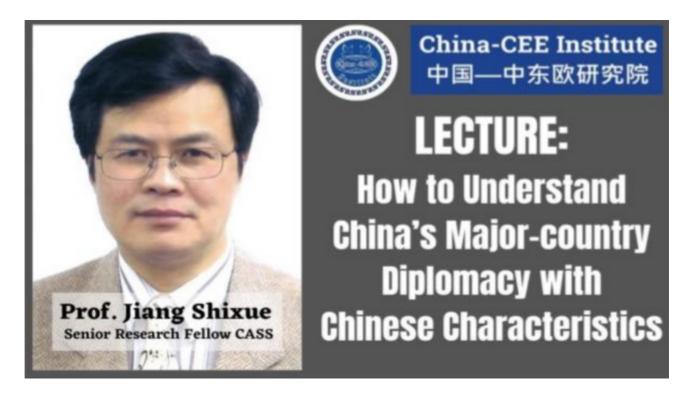


On 26 July 2022, Prof. Chen Xin, Executive President as well as Managing Director of the China-CEE Institute, delivered a lecture entitled "Prosperity through development". The Institute's non-resident researchers, researchers from partner institutions and other scholars participated in the lecture. Dr. Ma Jinxing, Project Manager of China-CEE Institute, moderated this lecture.

In this lecture, Prof. Chen speaks that China's prosperity has been built on the basis of peaceful development in the past four decades. It did not seek prosperity through war expansion, foreign colonization, and did not export ideology. China is the only major country in the world today that achieves prosperity through peaceful development. This has had the greatest impact on global increase and progress. The capacity, meanwhile, of market participants has been increased by integration into the global economy. Additionally, a functioning government can increase the development of infrastructure's spillover effects and strengthen macroeconomic policy's resistance to geopolitical turbulence. Prof. Chen thinks that this is the China's pattern: Prosperity Through Development.

The lecture lasted about one and half hours in total. During the Q & A session, the participants posed several questions about the possible policies to boost consumption and demand in China, Global Gateway Initiative, China's plan on climate change, the future vision of CAI of China and EU, etc.

## HOW TO UNDERSTAND CHINA'S MAJOR-COUNTRY DIPLOMACY WITH CHINESE CHARACTERISTICS



On 20 September 2022, the China-CEE Institute invited Prof. Jiang Shixue, Former Deputy Director of the Institute of European Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), and a Distinguished Professor of the Shanghai University, to deliver a lecture entitled "How to understand China's Major-country Diplomacy with Chinese Characteristics". The Institute's non-resident researchers, researchers from partner institutions, and other scholars participated in the lecture. Prof. Chen Xin, Executive President as well as Managing Director of the China-CEE Institute, moderated this lecture.

In this lecture, Prof. Jiang thought that in China's diplomacy, the most important buzzword now is Major-country Diplomacy with Chinese Characteristics. Prof. Jiang explained the meaning of this diplomacy and discussed the achievements and challenges of its implementation. According to Prof. Jiang, Major-country Diplomacy with Chinese Characteristics, also known as Xi-style diplomacy, based on the reality of China's national conditions today, is the conduct of China's relations with foreign countries with behaviors moving from "keep a low profile and do something" to "strive to do more" for the purpose of constructing a new type of international relations and a community of shared future for mankind.

The lecture lasted about one hour in total. During the Q & A session, the participants posed several questions about the opportunities and limits for China's foreign policy arising from the recent SCO summit, China's main strategies to deal with the environment of discredit and international distrust towards China created by Western countries, and how could the small economies better help to build the peace between China and the United States in the UN and other international organization, etc.

## **EVENTS**

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### THE IMPACT OF CHINA'S DUAL-CIRCULATION STRATEGY ON EUROPE

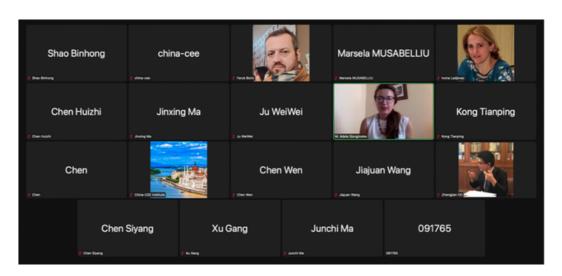


On 2 June 2022, the China-CEE Institute and the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade (IFAT) successfully held jointly Zoom seminar on "The Impact of China's Dual-Circulation Strategy on Europe".

The seminar started with welcome and keynote speeches from Márton UGRÓSDY, Director of the Institute of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, and Zhongping FENG, Director of the Institute of European Studies at CASS and President of the China-CEE Institute. Director Márton mentioned that EU-China relations have been going through very difficult times, but there is a need for cooperation between China and the EU and the EU Member States and China as well. He also discussed that European countries should assess how to regard China in the long run and need to strengthen cooperation and communication. He mentioned his concern that the future of European economy is likely to go into crisis as a result of the sanctions they have been applying against Russia and reiterated that they need to think before acting. Director FENG talked that relations between China and the EU as a whole have been facing increasing challenges in recent years and EU's new perception of China, US-China rivalry, the Covid-19 pandemic and the Ukraine crisis have all contributed to the change. He said that China's mainstream view of Europe is that European countries and the EU are its important partners; there are important opportunities for cooperation with each other. By working together China and Hungary could play a role of pioneer for EU's relations with China.

During the seminar, all the speakers shared their ideas, opinions and observations. To conclude, IFAT Deputy Director for Strategy, Tamas Peter BARANYI and Xin CHEN, Executive President of the China-CEE Institute and Deputy Director of the Institute of European Studies at CASS, gave closing remarks on the seminar. Both sides called for thinking about how the EU and China can rebuild trust amid uncertain economic relations. Lastly, they conveyed an appreciation for all the participants to attend the seminar.

## PROMOTING PRACTICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN CHINA AND SERBIA, ALBANIA, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA, NORTH MACEDONIA IN THE POST-EPIDEMIC ERA



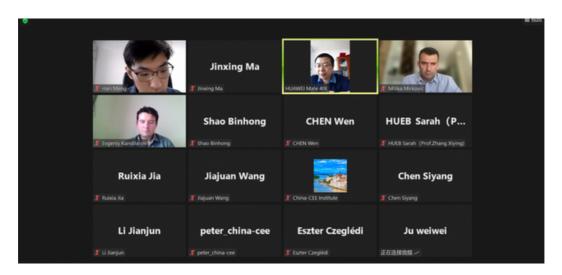
Or 29 June 2022, the China-CEE Institute successfully hosted a webinar on the "Promoting Practical Cooperation between China and Serbia, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, North Macedonia in the Postepidemic Era" via Zoom. Members of non-resident researchers of China-CEE Institute, scholars from Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Capital Normal University of China and University of Belgrade, participated the seminar.

Dr. JU Weiwei, Associate Director of Institute of European Studies, CASS, moderated the seminar. Prof. CHEN Xin, Executive President of China-CEE Institute, gave the welcome remarks. He expressed his gratitude for the support from all participants. The meeting was mainly based on the current situation of bilateral relationship, focusing on the cooperation prospects between China and CEE countries in the post-epidemic era. He proposed that Chinese and CEE scholars should further strengthen academic communication to offer intellectual support for bilateral cooperation in all fields, and hoped that all participants could work together to address common challenges.

Dr. Ivona Ladjevac, Deputy Director of Institute of International Politics and Economics in Belgrade, Dr. Marsela Musabelliu, Executive Director of Albanian Institute for Globalization Studies (AIGS), Dr. Faruk Borić, Executive Director of Centre for promotion and development of Belt and Road Initiative, Dr. Adela Gjorgjioska, Director of the Institute for Sustainable Prosperity, had delivered keynote speeches.

During the Discussion session, Dr. XU Gang, Associate Professor of Russian, East European & Central Asian Studies, CASS, Mrs. CHEN Siyang, Assistant Professor of Institute of European Studies, CASS, Mrs. CHEN Huizhi, Research fellow of Capital Normal University, and Mr. FEI Zhengjian, Doctorand of University of Belgrade and Director of CSSA-Serbia, joined discussions with above speakers.

## PROMOTING PRACTICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN CHINA AND BULGARIA, MONTENEGRO IN THE POST-EPIDEMIC ERA



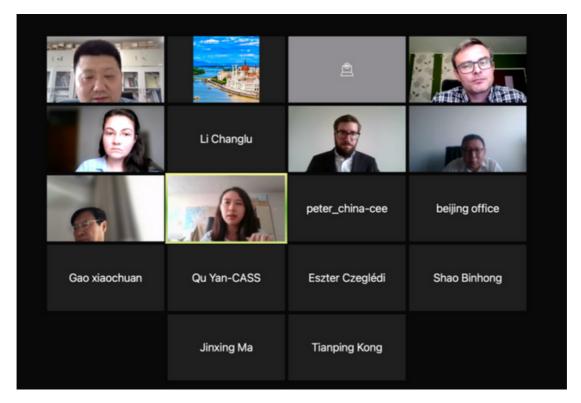
On 6 July 2022, the China-CEE Institute successfully hosted a webinar on "Promoting Practical Cooperation between China and Bulgaria, Montenegro in the Post-epidemic Era" via Zoom. Members of non-resident researchers of China-CEE Institute, scholars from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Capital Normal University, and Hebei University of Economics and Business, participated in this seminar.

Dr. HAN Meng, Assistant Professor of the Institute of European Studies, CASS, moderated this seminar. Prof. LIU Zuokui, Vice President of China-CEE Institute, made the Welcome Speech. Prof. LIU expressed his gratitude for the support from all participants, pointed out that China is the defender of world peace, and fervently hoped that the Ukraine crisis could be stopped as soon as possible and the world could regain peace. In addition, to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, China and the EU could work together to promote peaceful coordination and negotiation between Russia and Ukraine.

During keynote speeches, Dr. Evgeniy Kandilarov, Associate Professor of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"/Institute for Historical Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Science, and Dr. Milika Mirkovic, from Institute for Strategic Studies and Prognoses, Montenegro, shared their thoughts with all participants.

Finally, LI Jianjun, Associate Professor of Capital Normal University, conducted that all participants put forward constructive and valuable suggestions for pragmatic cooperation between all parties in the post-epidemic era from the perspectives of Bulgaria, Montenegro, and China. She paid tribute to the scholars' high-level research ability and problem-solving ability and contributed to a wonderful academic exchange. She looked forward to the end of the epidemic as soon as possible so all parties could have more opportunities for face-to-face communication.

## PROMOTING PRACTICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN CHINA AND HUNGARY, POLAND, CZECHIA, ROMANIA IN THE POST-EPIDEMIC ERA

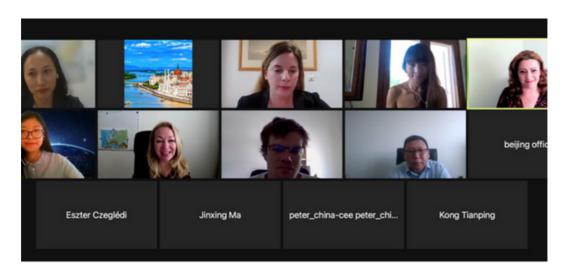


On 13 July 2022, the China-CEE Institute successfully hosted a webinar on the "Promoting Practical Cooperation between China and Hungary, Poland, Czechia, Romania in the Post-epidemic Era" via Zoom. Experts and scholars from Hungary, the Czech Republic, Romania, Poland and China attended the seminar to discuss the cooperation and challenges between China and CEE countries in the post-epidemic era.

During the Discussion session, Qu Yan, Assistant Professor of Institute of Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, CASS, Chen Siyang, Assistant Professor of Institute of European Studies, CASS, Li Changlu, Assistant Professor of Beijing International Studies University, and Gao Xiaochuan, Associate Professor of the Center for Central and Eastern European Studies, East China Normal University, joined discussions with above speakers.

Finally, Prof. SHI Zhiqin from the Department of International Relations of Tsinghua University, summarized the event. Prof. SHI thanked the attendees for their active participation and their good interaction and exchanges on cooperation between China and Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic and Romania in the post-epidemic era. He emphasized the important role of young scholars for the future development of relations between China and Central and Eastern Europe. Prof. SHI analyzed the cooperation and conflict between China and Europe, where much has been achieved but challenges and differences remain, and where the EU considers China as a partner, a competitor and a systemic rival. Finally, he concluded that trust is the basis for the bilateral development of China and Europe and gave advice on how to build a relationship of mutual trust.

## PROMOTING PRACTICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN CHINA AND GREECE, LATVIA, CROATIA IN THE POST-EPIDEMIC ERA



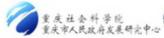
On 20 July 2022, the China-CEE Institute successfully hosted a webinar on "Promoting Practical Cooperation between China and Greece, Latvia, Croatia in the Post-epidemic Era" via Zoom. Experts and scholars from Greece, Latvia, Croatia and China attended the seminar to discuss the cooperation and challenges between China and CEE countries in the post-epidemic era.

Marsela Musabelliu, Executive Director of Albanian Institute for Globalization Studies (AIGS) moderated the seminar. Prof. CHEN Xin, Executive President of China-CEE Institute, gave the welcome speech. He expressed his wish that he hoped next year or even maybe in the second half of this year, there'll be some face-to-face exchanges, and he expressed his gratitude for the contributions of all participants in briefing economic, political and social as well as external relations in these countries. However, he pointed out that there should be a further discussion on the bilateral relations, and this seminar is the first one centering on bilateral relations between China and CEE countries. He then thanked all participants for accepting the invitation by the China-CEE Institute. He mentioned that the pandemic and the conflicts and crises in Europe would or maybe already have some impact on the bilateral relations between European countries and China. Therefore, he believed that now it's a critical time for us to rethink about the bilateral relations and also explore more possibilities for the future development so that both sides can work again toward the bilateral relations. Lastly, he wished the seminar a success.

Evelyn Karakatsani, Programme Assistant of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Nina Linde, Director of the Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences, and Nikica Kolar, Research Assistant of Department for International Economic and Political Relations, Institute for Development and International Relations in Croatia, has delivered keynote speeches on the development of bilateral relations and future cooperation with China in the post-epidemic era based on their own national context.

## RAIL BILL OF LADING AS DOCUMENT OF TITLE – EXPLORING LAND-BASED TRADE LAW







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#### Thursday, 8 September 2022

On September 8, 2022, a webinar on the "Rail Bill of Lading as Document of Title – Exploring Landbased Trade Law" was successfully held, which was co-organized by China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) European Arbitration Centre, China—CEE Institute and Chongqing Academy of Social Sciences.

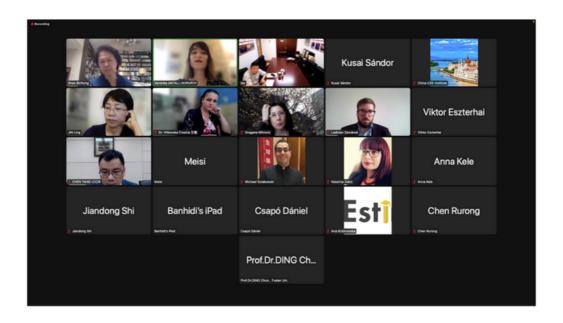
Mr. Wang Chengjie, Deputy Director and Secretary General of CIETAC, made the Welcome Speech. He pointed out that Chongqing FTZ issued the world's first "International Letter of Credit for Rail Bill of Lading", which gave financial attributes to Rail bill of lading for the first time. The seminar aimed at discussing the legal issues related to the Rail bill of lading, which will help to get better understanding on the value of the Rail Bill of Lading.

During keynote speeches, Dr. Zhang Wenguang, Director of Centre for the Law of the Sea Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), gave a speech entitled "The Value and Prospects of Rail Bill of Lading in future". He analyzed the meaning of "Document of Title" in English and French, and pointed that threat to Railway (Multimodal) transport from shipping industry was of great concern to the market demand and transaction security. He also gave the experience-based advice that it is difficult to formulate unit international rules on the Rail bills of lading, which can be reflected from the codification of United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea (Rotterdam Rules 2008) and other international conventions.

Mr. Dai Yuxin, Arbitrator, Senior Partner of Wintell & Co Law Firm Shanghai, believed that the underlying legal logic and structures should be priority in the perspective of trade, and he noticed that there will a long way to form globally unified international land (Railway) transport document rules.

Prof. Ding Xinzheng, from the Institute of Law and Sociology of Chongqing Academy of Social Sciences, spoke on the topic of "Analysis of the mechanism of transfer of endorsement of Rail bill of lading and its rules in international law". He mainly analyzed whether the Rail bill of lading can be endorsed for transfer and circulation and the legal issues involved, and putted forward suggestions to construct and (or) improve the transformation rules for Rail bill of lading between China-Russia and China- Kazakhstan.

## STRENGTHENING CHINA-EU COOPERATION IN THE POST-EPIDEMIC ERA

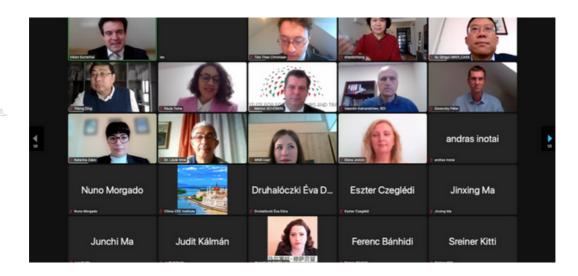


On 8 September 2022, China-CEE Institute and Antall Jozsef Knowledge Centre coorganized a webinar on "Strengthening China-EU Cooperation in the Post-Epidemic Era". Scholars from Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), China-CEE Institute, China Institutes of contemporary international relations, the China Institute of International Studies, Fudan University, and Antall Jozsef Knowledge Centre, Belgrade University, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, the Institute of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Hungary participated the seminar.

The seminar was moderated by Prof. Chen Xin, Executive President of China-CEE Institute. Antall Horvath Veronica, Director of the Antall Jozsef Knowledge Centre and Prof. Chen gave welcome remarks respectively. Veronica pointed out that the EU and China are both partners and competitors, and that factors such as politics, diplomacy and funding all have an impact on the exact nature of their concrete cooperation. Finally, she concluded that online seminars are not enough for scientific cooperation. In the current situation, more joint research projects are needed between China and the EU to get to know each other better and to build the necessary trust.

Prof. Chen Xin welcomed the participants and expressed his gratitude to the Antall Jozsef Knowledge Centre for its long-standing support and cooperation with China-CEE Institute. He noted that the world has been faced with many new developments in the last three years. Firstly, the pandemic has created obstacles to travel and communication, which can easily lead to misunderstandings and result in incomplete reception of information. Prof. Chen Xin stated that China is not a threat to the EU and that some of the European new strategies to deal with China are totally unnecessary, especially in the context of the global epidemic and the long lack of communication between the both sides, it is all the more important to strengthen communication and dialogue and build mutual trust.

## IMPACT OF GLOBAL VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT TRENDS ON THE WORLD ECONOMY AND CHINA-EU RELATIONS



On 12 October 2022, the China-CEE Institute successfully hosted a webinar on "The Impact of Global Value Chain Development Trends on the World Economy and China-EU Relations" via Zoom.

Viktor Eszterhai, Senior Research Fellow of Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade, moderated the opening ceremony. Amb. Marton SCHÖBERL, Director of Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade and Zhongping FENG, Director of the Institute of European Studies at CASS and President of the China-CEE Institute, gave the welcome speech. Marton SCHÖBERL expressed his welcome to all participants and his gratitude for China-CEE Institute to co-organize this event. He stressed the importance of this seminar, and said that China-EU relation has faced multiple challenges in recent years. Communications and mutual understanding become more important under this tension. Moreover, he believed that this event has practical meaning and it's significant for China and EU to identify the global value chain development trends. Director Feng talked about the potential impact on Europe caused by the Ukrainian and Russia crisis and the political challenges that Europe is facing. In China-EU relation, he agreed with the opinion of Marton that both China and Europe need to work hard to strengthen communications to reduce misunderstanding and he believed that a stable China-European relation is significant for a stable world economy.

Finally, Thomas PETER-BARANI, Deputy Director for strategy of IFAT, and CHEN Xin, Deputy Director of the Institute of European Studies from CASS, summarized the event. Prof. Chen thinks both sides have experienced the benefits of regional integration in their respective histories, which shows that we have a lot in common. Many factors, such as global values and epidemics, are affecting international cooperation at the moment. Against this background, it is all the more important for China and Europe to seek common ground, reduce differences and embark peacefully on the path of common development. Finally, he thanked the participants and the organizations that had contributed to the success of the conference.

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