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cordially invite you to:

China's New Economic Diplomacy

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19:15pm – 20:30 pm



9 Qinghai Lu (just to the South of Nanjing West Road)
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19:00 – Doors Open
19:15 – Lecture
20:00 – Q&A
20:30 – Mixer/Drinks/Dinner
21:30 – Live music at the Wooden Box

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Charles Dickens expressed it best in his famous novel *Tale of the Two Cities*, “It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.” This is an apt metaphor for China’s economic diplomacy today. On the one hand, China’s economic strength has grown to an unprecedented scale, but on the other hand, China is faced with a less than favorable environment both internally and externally. In domestic policy, China must meet the rising economic expectations of its people, but also faces slower economic growth and serious environmental degradation. In foreign policy, China must skillfully manage its great power relationships, in particular that with the United States, whose pivot to Asia has collided with China’s growing interests and presence in the Asia-Pacific region. Meanwhile, in China’s relationship with the European Union, many of China’s concerns have not been resolved, including the recognition of China’s Market Economy Status (MES) and the lifting of the EU arms embargo. In short, China’s economic diplomacy is burdened with many challenges, despite its more favorable position vis-à-vis the rest of the world. In tonight’s talk, Professor Zhang will discuss China’s new economic diplomacy under these shifting circumstances and how it is led by a new generation of Chinese leadership.

[Zhang Xiaotong](#) is the Executive Director of Wuhan University Centre for Economic Diplomacy, and Associate Professor of in the [School of Political Science and Public Administration at Wuhan University](#). He previously worked at the U.S. Desk of China’s Ministry of Commerce and served as Trade Attaché at the Chinese Mission to the European Union in Brussels between 2004 and 2010. Zhang recently published *Brussels Diary*, about his experiences as a trade diplomat, and is now working on *China’s Economic Diplomacy in the 21st Century*. He is a reviewer for the *Journal of Common Market Studies*, and the *Hague Journal of Diplomacy* and *China Journal of International Politics*. Zhang has spoken for the OECD, European Parliament, Chatham House, and LSE, and his major research interests include economic diplomacy, trade policy, US-EU Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership Agreement (TTIP), EU-China bilateral investment relations, and US-China relations. Professor Zhang holds a PhD from Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) in Belgium.

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