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Connecting Europe and Asia and  
Other Strategies Towards China

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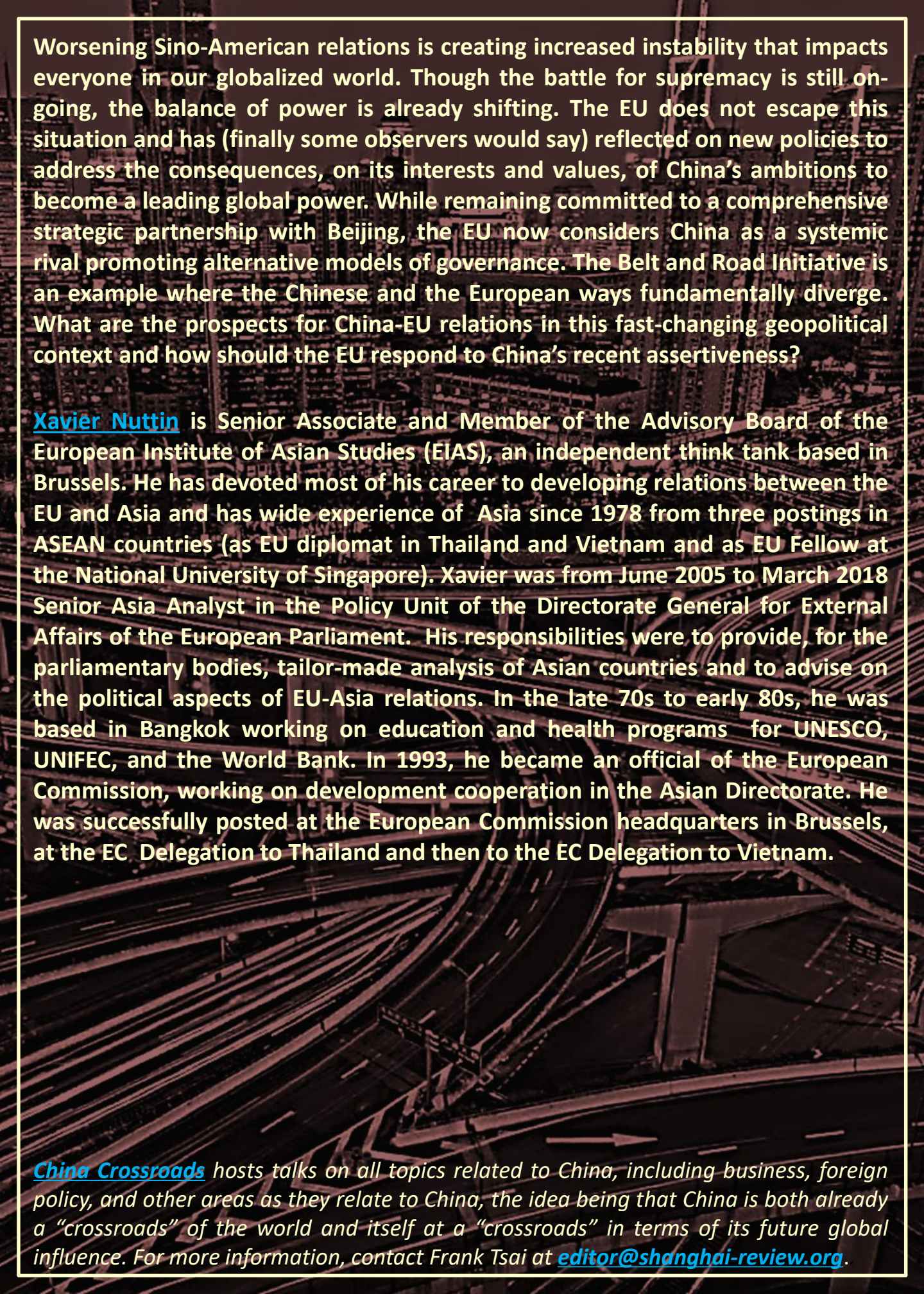
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Worsening Sino-American relations is creating increased instability that impacts everyone in our globalized world. Though the battle for supremacy is still ongoing, the balance of power is already shifting. The EU does not escape this situation and has (finally some observers would say) reflected on new policies to address the consequences, on its interests and values, of China's ambitions to become a leading global power. While remaining committed to a comprehensive strategic partnership with Beijing, the EU now considers China as a systemic rival promoting alternative models of governance. The Belt and Road Initiative is an example where the Chinese and the European ways fundamentally diverge. What are the prospects for China-EU relations in this fast-changing geopolitical context and how should the EU respond to China's recent assertiveness?

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