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## European Strategic Autonomy and Its Implications for EU-China Relations: A Chinese Perspective

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European strategic autonomy has become a mainstream policy narrative and long-term strategic objective in the EU. In pursuing strategic autonomy, the EU has undertaken a major transformation of its foreign policy and China policy, bringing opportunities and challenges for China-EU relations. This talk will shed light on European strategic autonomy as well as its implications for China-EU relations.

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