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## USA-Europe-China: The Triangular Relationship That Will Define the 21st Century

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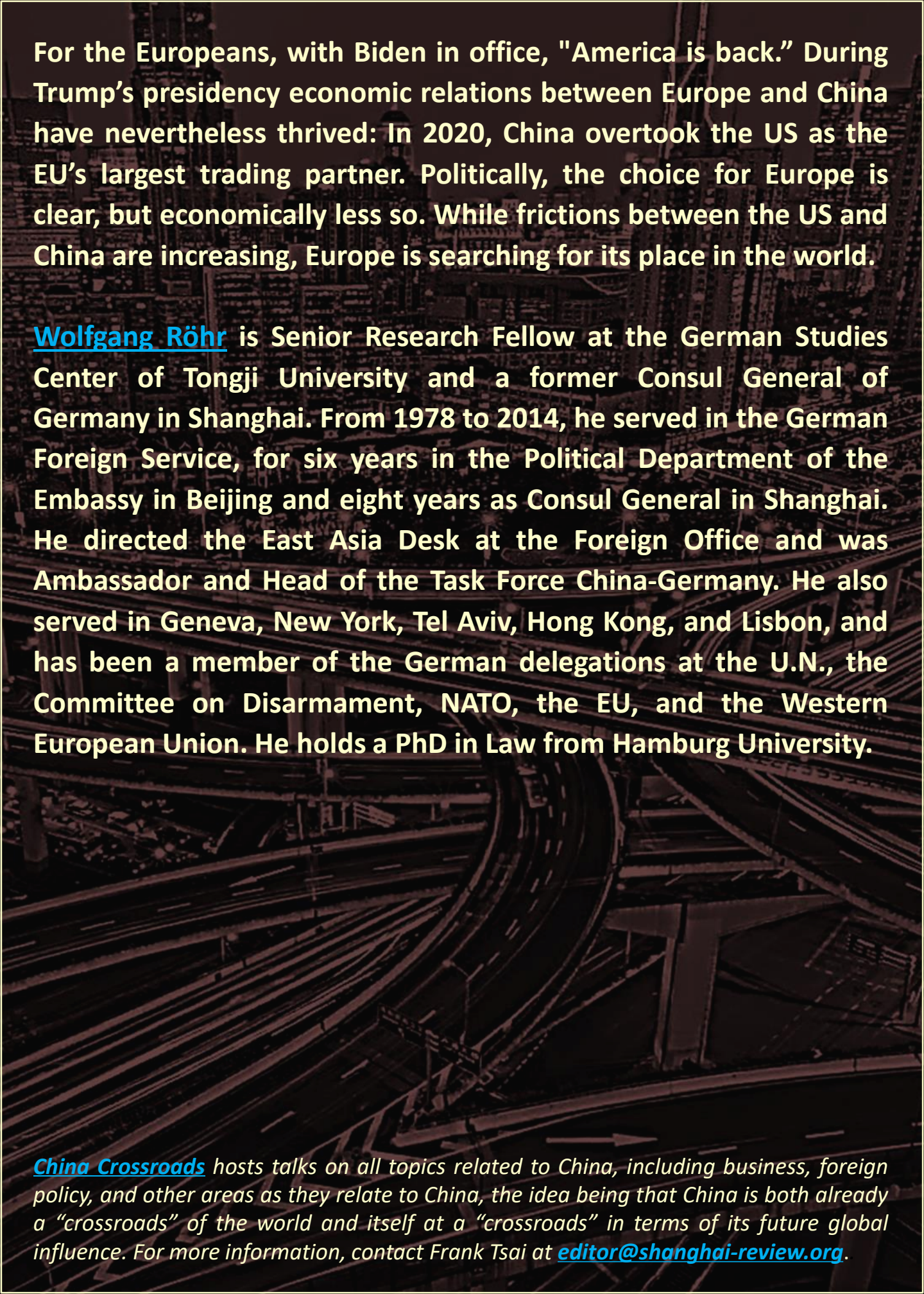
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For the Europeans, with Biden in office, "America is back." During Trump's presidency economic relations between Europe and China have nevertheless thrived: In 2020, China overtook the US as the EU's largest trading partner. Politically, the choice for Europe is clear, but economically less so. While frictions between the US and China are increasing, Europe is searching for its place in the world.

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