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Europe's Reaction to Trump: The New Geopolitics of EU-US-China

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Perhaps the greatest shock of the Trump administration so far, and the greatest shock to the global order since 1989, has been US decoupling from Europe. The US is no longer a reliable member of NATO, and its commitment to the defense of Europe is now in doubt. Our speaker Michele Geraci – in addition to being a prominent Italian politician and China expert who researches China trade – was recently at the Munich Security Conference and saw first-hand the shock to Europe. At our talk he will discuss, among other things, Trump and Europe, prospects for the Ukraine War and a deal with Russia, and the geoeconomics of a shock to global trade, which is his specific research specialty. He will also discuss geopolitical and economic consequences for China, as one of the few European political figures with deep, lived China expertise.

Michele Geraci is an Italian politician and economist who focuses on policy-oriented research on International Trade, US-EU-China Relations, BRI, AI and Universal Basic Income and other current affairs. He served as the Undersecretary of State at the Italian Ministry of Economic Development, responsible for International Trade and Investment, and was the architect of Italy's participation in the BRI, and was a nominee for the role of Prime Minister of Italy. Recently, he has been appointed as the Head of the Foreign Affairs and International Trade Department of Independence Movement, a newly formed Italian political movement. The primary objective of this movement is to bridge the gap between the West and East within the context of the evolution towards a multipolar world. He currently holds the position of Adjunct Professor of Finance and Economics at NYU Shanghai and is Honorary Professor at Peking University. Prior to his current roles, he worked for two decades as an Investment Banker (Merryll Lynch, Bank of America, DLJ, Schroders Asset Management) and Engineer (British Telecom) in London. He has been Knighted by the President of Italy, Mattarella, and the President of Georgia, Margvelashvili. He holds an MBA from MIT, speaks five languages, and is a frequent guest on global media.

China Crossroads hosts talks on all topics related to China, including business, foreign policy, and other areas as they relate to China, the idea being that China is both already a "crossroads" of the world and itself at a "crossroads" in terms of its future global influence. For more information, contact Frank Tsai at editor@shanghai-review.org.