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"2023 marks the 10th anniversary of the China Centre, which we are very proud of. 10 years of research projects, cooperation initiatives, training and public engagement across Europe and China.

We have grown thanks to the passion and dedication of many colleagues, entrepreneurs and experts.

We are happy to launch this newsletter as well as a rich calendar of activities for our community."

- Francesca Spigarelli, Director China Center

Scientific Articles

Public Reactions Towards China's Three-Child Policy: an Analysis of Weibo Commentary

Written by Yuyin Yang, Sisi Peng, Carole Browner, published online on 20/10/2022

This study examines the overwhelmingly negative public reaction to China's announcement on May 31,

2021, that couples can now have up to three children. In the first phase of the investigation, the researchers analyzed a Weibo video by China News Service that featured population economists explaining the policy change, along with its 292 public comments. They used sentiment analysis, critical discourse analysis, and co-word matrix to analyze the content. In the second phase, the same methodology was used to analyze a Weibo article posted in 2013 announcing the Two-Child Policy and its 115 public comments. The results revealed that the Three-Child Policy announcement generated dislike, hatred, and/or betrayal among commenters, while the Two-Child Policy announcement generated primarily positive comments. Commenters expressed frustration with existing inadequate access to education, the high cost of living, and gendered workplace discrimination. The study emphasizes the importance of social media in allowing citizens to express their reactions to critical policy issues and argues that the Chinese government must create population policies that support individuals' reproductive goals, rather than solely meeting demographic targets.

"One China" Contention in China–Taiwan Relations: Law, Politics and Identity

Written by Yu-Jie Chen, published online on 16/08/2022

Exploring the ongoing "one China" dispute between the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the Republic of China (ROC or Taiwan), this article focuses on their cooperation from 2008 to 2016 and the consequent political impasse by examining the legal systems of the PRC and the ROC as well as the stances of the main political players, such as the Chinese Communist Party and Taiwan's Kuomintang as well as its Democratic Progressive Party. The concept of "one China" has been in flux in Taiwan, despite the PRC maintaining its "one-China principle" and the ROC's legal system still having some "one China" components. The emergence of a competing Taiwanese national identity and opposition to the PRC's persistent demands have put the traditional notion of "one China" under increasing strain during Taiwan's democratic era.

News from China



Travel boom assists economic revival

Posted by China Daily & Xinhua on 2-4/05/2023

China's tourism sector experienced a significant boost during the May Day holiday, with a total of 274 million visits made during the five-day break, generating around CNY 148 billion (\$21.4 billion) in revenue, according to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism. Lesser-known destinations, such as

the Dehong Dai and Jingpo autonomous prefecture in Yunnan province, saw their hotel bookings surge, with the number of visits up 70.83% YoY. Zibo in Shandong province saw its hotel bookings increase 20-fold YoY after its barbecuing style went viral. China's outbound tourism has also experienced a surge during the May Day holiday, with mainland outbound travel bookings multiplying 18 times YoY. Overseas destinations were also popular, with Hong Kong, Macao, Thailand, and the Maldives among the most favored locations.

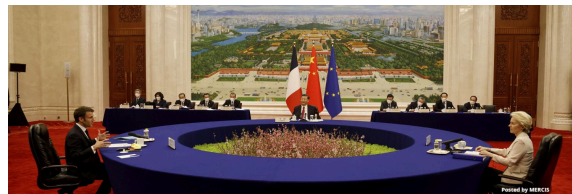
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Six priorities for “de-risking” EU relations with China

Posted by MERICS on 21/04/2023

The article suggests that the European Union (EU) needs to start building blocks to “de-risk” its relations with China and prepare for uncertain times ahead. While diplomatic relations between the EU and China appear to have stabilized, the EU is recalibrating its China policy to limit its vulnerability to stress factors and disruptions caused by Beijing, as well as geopolitical tensions. The article proposes six key steps for the EU to effectively implement de-risking: 1) responsible management of strategic divergence, 2) effective implementation and expansion of defensive policy toolbox, 3) coordinated but independent approach to high-tech relations with China, 4) proactive reduction of strategic vulnerabilities, 5) higher preparedness for a Taiwan conflict, and 6) right



dose of China policy coordination with transatlantic and like-minded partners.

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China issues guidelines to promote foreign trade

Posted by the State Council of the People's Republic of China on 25/04/2023

On April 25, the General Office of the State Council issued a circular outlining measures to improve the scale and structure of foreign trade in China in order to ensure its stable and high-quality growth. The circular emphasized the need to promote the full resumption of important domestic offline expos to better match supply and demand and to facilitate cross-border business personnel exchanges to boost trade and promote market development. Efforts will be made to stabilize and expand imports and exports, with a focus on cultivating industrial advantages in the automobile industry and providing overseas financial support for automobile enterprises. The circular also called for more fiscal and financial support, the optimization of cross-border settlement services, and the promotion of the digitalization of trade. Additionally, green trade, the management of unreasonable trade restrictions occurring abroad, and better utilization of free trade agreements were highlighted as important areas for improvement.

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Upcoming Events



11th
May
2023 | 11 am - 1 pm
Villa Lauri,
Viale dell'Indipendenza 99
Macerata, 62100

Community Participation in World Heritage Sites

Methods and comparative analysis with the
People's Republic of China

Abstract

The UNESCO 1972 Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage emphasizes the importance of Communities in implementing the Convention. This research will create a framework for the participation processes and the methodology to assess them. It also provides a comparative analysis with the People's Republic of China to investigate similarities and differences in the participation of communities. The final objective is to identify strategies to improve local communities' participation in implementing the 1972 Convention in Italy.

The discussion will focus on concept mapping in Designing Qualitative Research as a methodological strategy.



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Meet the Speaker

Register

11th May 2023, the “**Chinese innovation system, internationalization and dynamics of the semiconductor industry**” seminar organized by the **Organization for Emerging Economies (OEET)** will feature our **Director Prof. Francesca Spigarelli** – Click [here](#) for the online streaming. Please visit the [OEET website](#) for more details.

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After two years of online activities and webinars, the international conference **China Goes Global** returns in person in Bologna in July 2023.

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