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## NEWSLETTER N°7

Articles, news and events on China.

The China Center is an interdepartmental and multidisciplinary Research Centre of the University of Macerata, founded in 2012 within the initiatives of the Department of Law.



*"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

[Statecraft in the Steppes: Central Asia's Relations with China](#)

Written by Li-chen Sim & Farkhod Aminjonov, published online on 20/10/2022

*The relationship between Central Asia and China is beneficial but uneven, with Central Asian leaders sometimes resisting closer ties with China. This article argues that a "hedging" foreign policy approach, which involves balancing relationships with multiple major powers, is not just driven by external factors but also by domestic considerations unique to each Central Asian country. The article highlights the varying abilities of Central Asian leaders to navigate their relations with China, which is an important aspect of their evolving foreign policy approach.*

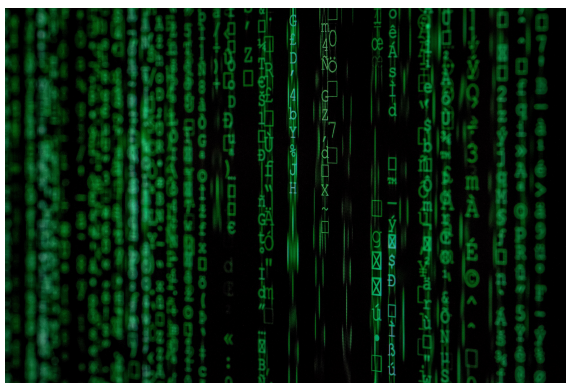
## **Environmental Clientelism: How Chinese Private Enterprises Lobby under Environmental Crackdowns**

Written by Jun Li and Jing Vivian Zhan, published online on 15/02/2023

*The environmental crackdowns in China have resulted in the closure of many private enterprises, leading them to develop survival strategies that involve lobbying government officials directly or indirectly through business associations. The research conducted on environmental lobbying in Chinese cities shows that larger enterprises, with more economic power, tend to lobby directly using their own political connections. Smaller enterprises, lacking such connections, have to rely on business associations, which are only effective if supported by larger enterprises. The study argues that although stringent environmental policies have reduced the space for private enterprise lobbying, environmental clientelism protects economically and politically powerful enterprises while sacrificing smaller ones in the implementation of these policies.*

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## **News from China**



### **China's Law-Based Cyberspace Governance in the New Era**

Posted by The State Council Information Office on 16/03/2023

China's State Council Information Office on Thursday released a white paper titled "China's Law-Based Cyberspace Governance in the New Era".

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## The Russia-China joint statement: what has changed since last year

Written by Stuart Lau, posted by Politico on 23/03/2023

EU leaders are convening in Brussels for a summit focused on Europe's economic strength and competitiveness, with discussions including Europe's position in relation to the US Inflation Reduction Act and China. One topic of interest is whether the long-stalled EU-China investment agreement, which has yet to be ratified due to Beijing's sanctions against the European Parliament, will be mentioned. Some experts speculate that Beijing may offer Europe a favorable deal to revive the 2020 Merkel-era agreement. However, none of the major economies have publicly expressed interest in reviving the deal so far.

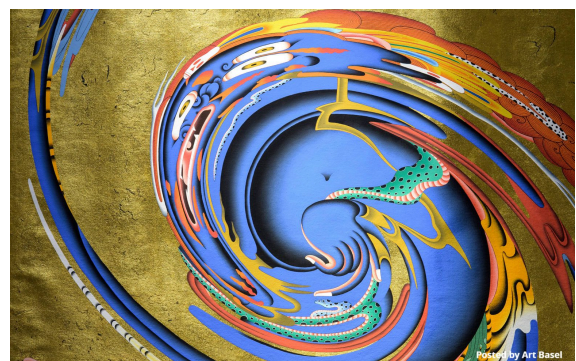
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## Hong Kong fair features premier galleries from Asia and beyond

Posted by Art Basel Hong Kong

Hong Kong Art Basel is taking place in HK this week. The fair features premier galleries from Asia and beyond. It provides an in-depth overview of Asia-Pacific's astonishing diversity, as well as global artistic perspectives through Modern and contemporary works.

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## Upcoming Events

31/03 - [Energy crisis or energy transition? Strategic policies and opportunities in Europe-China relations](#)

Our **Q2 Calendar** will be out soon. Stay tuned!

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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