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## Plenary Session Two: Europe and China: Peril and Promise

**Date:** Thursday 1 December

**Speakers and Chair catch up:** 1630 – 1700, Grand Ballroom 2

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**Venue:** The Ritz Carlton Potsdamer Platz 3, 10785 Berlin, Germany

### Panellists

**Dr Sarah Kirchberger**, Senior Research Associate, International Political Economy of East Asia, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Department of East Asian Studies

**HE Sir Sebastian Wood**, British Ambassador to Germany; British Ambassador to China (2010-15)

**Dr Linda Yueh**, Fellow in Economics, St Edmund Hall, Oxford University; Adjunct Professor of Economics, London Business School

### Chair

**Professor Kerry Brown**, Director, Lau China Institute, King's College London (UK)

### Session Outline

Has China's growth model finally reached its limits? What are the wider consequences of the cool-down of China's economy for Europe's economic ties with Beijing? What are the prospects of a significant drift between European and American approaches to relations with China?

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## Format and Proceedings

- 1630 – 1700** **Panellist and chair catch-up in Grand Ballroom 2**  
Make your way to the reception desk where you will be escorted to Grand Ballroom 2. Opportunity for panellists and chair to discuss format and focus of session.
- 1655** Technician puts lapel (lavalier) microphones on the chair and the panellists.
- 1659** Sit in reserved seats in the front row of the audience.

- 1700 – 1745 *Keynote Conversation with Dr Ralf Brauksiepe and Peter Watkins*
- 1745 Step onto the stage. Panellists and chair take seats on stage. Panellists and chair to remain on the stage during the entire session.
- 1745 **Session begins**
- The chair opens the meeting, introduces the panellists and announces that the session will be held **on the record**.
  - The chair encourages people to comment on Twitter using **#EuropeChoices**.
  - Please note that staff from Chatham House and the Ritz-Carlton will be in the room, standing at the back or sides of the hall, in order to assist in the event of an emergency or technical difficulty.
- 1747 – 1805 The chair begins the session with 15-20 mins moderated conversation between all panellists. Note that panellists will not be asked to prepare or give opening remarks.
- 1805 – 1845 **Full discussion:** The chair leads a discussion between the panellists and the audience, taking a random selection of comments, observations and questions from across the room.
- We encourage a dynamic and participatory environment between panellists and audience, rather than a traditional Q&A session.
  - The **chair has prerogative** and may interject with comments or questions of their own.
  - The chair will ask each audience questioner to give their name and affiliation.
  - The chair will ask the questioners to wait for the roving microphone to reach them before they start to speak and then speak **directly into** the roving microphones.
  - If short on time, the chair will take interventions in groups (normally towards the end).
  - The chair will not hesitate to stop people who are speaking for too long.
  - We are committed to fostering diversity in order to promote open and wide-ranging discussion. **Chairs should actively encourage questions from as wide a selection of audience members as possible, in particular bearing in mind equitable balance of gender, age groups and ethnicity.** Please take time to scan the whole room to avoid unintentional bias towards people seated closest to the stage; and, where possible, alternate questions between women and men.
- 1845 The chair closes the session and **announces that there will be a pre-dinner drinks reception in the Grand Foyer**. Please make sure to finish at exactly 1845.
- 1845 Leave the stage and walk to the technician's desk, where your microphone will be removed by a member of staff.
- 1845 – 1945 Drinks reception in the Grand Foyer.

## Europe's Strategic Choices: About

This strategic dialogue, jointly hosted by Chatham House and the Institute for Security Policy at the University of Kiel (ISPK), aims to explore and understand the complex set of challenges facing Europe in the areas of security, economic competitiveness and global influence. These issues make this an important moment to bring together senior politicians, business leaders and academics from across the continent to reinvigorate the debate about Europe's place in the world.

### Audience

We expect approximately 180 people in the audience. This is an invitation only event and as such the audience will be made up of participants from the highest levels of the policy, academic and business worlds as well as senior staff from Chatham House and ISPK.

### Notes

- Please let us know if you need to arrive or depart earlier than the above schedule.
- All panellists are invited and encouraged to attend the entire conference.
- Please let us know if you would like to contact the panellists or chair in advance of the conference.

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## Biographies

### Panellists



**Dr Sarah Kirchberger** is a Senior Research Associate on the international political economy of East Asia at the Ruhr-University Bochum. She is the author of *Assessing China's Naval Power: Technological Innovation, Economic Constraints, and Strategic Implications* (2015). A Sinologist and political scientist with work experience in academia and industry, her areas of expertise include China's military modernization, China's and Taiwan's political systems, and China's 20th century history. She was previously an Assistant Professor in the Asia-Africa-Institute at the University of Hamburg, and served as a naval analyst with the shipbuilders Blohm + Voss.



**Sir Sebastian Wood KCMG** has been Ambassador to Germany since 2015 and was previously British Ambassador to China. He joined the Foreign Office in 1983 and served as a First Secretary in the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group in Hong Kong from 1994 to 1996 in the run-up to the handover of Hong Kong. He was Political Counsellor in Washington from 2001 to 2005 following US foreign policy in Asia. From 2005 to 2008 he was the FCO's Asia-Pacific Director before undertaking a one-year secondment to Rolls-Royce (2008–09).



**Dr Linda Yueh** is Adjunct Professor of Economics at London Business School and Visiting Professor of Economics at Peking University. She was formerly the BBC's Chief Business Correspondent and Economics Editor at Bloomberg TV. She is Co-Chair of the Global Cities Business Alliance, and sits on the supervisory policy committee of the Centre for Economic Performance (CEP) at LSE and the advisory board of the Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum. She has advised the World Bank, European Commission, Asian Development Bank and WEF.

**Chair**



**Professor Kerry Brown** is Director of the Lau China Institute at King's College London and Professor of Chinese Studies. He was Professor of Chinese Politics and Director of the China Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, Australia (2012–15); Senior Fellow and Head of the Asia Programme at Chatham House (2006–12); First Secretary at the British Embassy in Beijing and then Head of the Indonesia, Philippine and East Timor Section (1998–2005); and directed the Europe China Research and Advice Network (ECRAN) between 2011 and 2014. His most recent book is *CEO, China: The Rise of Xi Jinping* (2016).