

Practical information

Brussels, June 16th, 2009

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

A reception will be offered afterwards by V.V.O.R.

Location

International Press Centre
Residence Palace
Wetstraat 155
1000 Brussels

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Participation

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China is confronted with a serious environmental challenge. The ecological costs for its rapid economic development are enormous. In order to deal with this issue, the Chinese government is investing in the development of environmental policy and environmental law. Environmental problems are receiving an ever higher place on the political agenda. By 2020 China wants to be the largest producer of wind and solar energy. It looks as though China is becoming an increasingly active partner in international environmental policy. Nevertheless, the question arises as to what extent the government will have to undertake measures on a political and legal level to make the difference.

The two opening speakers will offer a series of theses, to which the following three speakers will respond, each from their own perspective. In order to facilitate active participation in the debate, relevant literature will be made available in advance via the website.

Programme

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Opening speakers

- *Prof. Hans Bruyninckx, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, will look at recent developments in Chinese environmental policy, more specifically focusing on the themes of globalisation and the environmental problematic*
- *Prof. Qin Tianbao, Wuhan University China, will describe recent developments in Chinese environmental law and address the question of how effective (environmental) legal instruments are for responding to the environmental problematic*

Speakers

- *Prof. Benjamin van Rooij, Universiteit Leiden, will share some of his experiences with Chinese environmental law in theory and in practice*
- *Jonathan Holslag, director of the Brussels Institute of Contemporary China Studies, will speak about the broader perspective of Chinese politics*
- *Lynn Sheppard, European Commission, will examine the question of what Europe can learn from China with respect to environmental innovation, paying particular attention to Carbon Capture and Storage*

Chairman, moderator of the debate

- *Isabelle Larmuseau*

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