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***Inter-regionalism, Sustainability and  
African Development:  
Promoting an EU-Africa-China Triologue***

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# Thursday 3 October 2019

- 13:00                   **Lunch**
- 14:00 - 14:30       **Opening Remarks**  
Moderated by Prof. Wei Shen, Melbourne, Australia
- Welcome by Dr Sven Biscop, Director of *Europe in the World* Programme, Egmont Royal Institute for International Studies, Brussels, Belgium.
  - H.E. Ambassador Zhang Ming, Mission of the People's Republic of China to the European Union (tbc.)
  - '*Jean Monnet in Africa?*' Introduction to the EU-EAC Jean Monnet Network, aims and objectives, by Prof Jean-Marc Trouille, Bradford, UK
- 14:30 – 15:00:       **Keynote Speech 1:**  
Moderated by Prof. Jean-Marc Trouille
- Ambassador Xu Jinghu, Special Representative of the Chinese Government on African Affairs (tbc.)
- 15:00 – 15:30       Group Picture / Coffee Break
- 15:30 – 16:45:       **Panel 1 – Regional and Continental Integration in Africa – Roles of the European Union and China**  
Moderated by Bruno Hellendorff
- Amb Tim Clarke: *How can the EU and China help African Universities promote Regional Integration in Africa*
  - Lynette Odoni: *An Analysis of Trade Trends in Africa: The EU and China in East Africa*
  - Prof. Jean-Marc Trouille: *Speeding up African Development – A Joint Challenge for the EU, Africa, and China*
- 16:45 – 18:00:       **Panel 2 – European Union - Africa Cooperation: Experiences and Lessons**  
Moderated by Dr Penine Uwimbabazi

- Prof Asteris Huliaras: *The Indirect Impact of the Chinese-African Rapprochement: How Beijing's Africa policy has affected the foreign policy of EU, Japan, India and Russia*
- Prof José Mella Marquez: *Reflexions on EU-Africa Cooperation*
- Julaina Obika, with Moses Onyango: *Democratic Overstay and the Revolting Constituency: The EU at the Crossroads in (East) Africa*
- Maximilian Rech: *Power & Competition along the Belt & Road Initiative - An Analysis of Competition and Cooperation among Economic Actors in Europe, Africa, and China*

## Friday 4 October 2019

### 9:00 – 10:15: **Panel 3 – China – Africa Cooperation: Experiences and Lessons**

Moderated by Prof Asteris Huliaras

- Bruno Hellendorff: *The Security Dimension of the China-Africa relationship*
- Dr Léonidas Ndayisaba: *Relations between China and Africa – The Case of Burundi*
- Dr Penine Uwimbabazi: *African Youth and Foreign Policy*

### 10:15 – 11:00: **Keynote Speech 2:**

Moderated by Amb Tim Clarke

Professor Jan De Groof: *Education and African Development – What about Regional Integration?*

11:00 – 11:30: Coffee break

### 11:30 – 12:45: **Concluding Debate: Europe-Africa-China Cooperation: Paths and Prospects**

Moderated by Prof. Wei Shen

- Bruno Hellendorff
- Prof Jean-Marc Trouille
- (all speakers and keynote speakers, 2 minutes each)

## Speakers

**Amb Tim Clarke**, former EU Ambassador and Head of EU Delegation to the African Union, IGAD, Ethiopia and Djibouti and to Tanzania and the EAC; Honorary Researcher and Strategic Advisor at Confucius Institute, Lancaster University (UK)

**Prof Jan de Groof**, President of the "European Association for Education Law and Policy". Professor at the College of Europe (Bruges, Belgium), at the University of Tilburg (the Netherlands) and at the National Research University - Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russia), Government Commissioner for Universities (Belgium, Flemish Community), UNESCO Chair for the Right to Education and former *UNESCO Chargé de Mission*.

**Bruno Hellendorff**, Joint Research Fellow at the Egmont Institute and European Policy Centre (EPC), Brussels, Belgium.

**Prof Asteris Huliaras**, Jean Monnet Chair in EU Relations with Less Developed Countries, Professor and Head of Politics and International Relations, University of the Peloponnese, Corinth, Greece.

**Prof José Mella Marquez**, Professor of Applied Economics, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain, and Principal Investigator of the AMENET Jean Monnet Network.

**Prof Léonidas Ndayisaba**, UNESCO Chair, Director of CERFOPAX, Université du Burundi, Bujumbura, Burundi.

**Julaina Obika**, Senior Lecturer in Development Studies, Gulu University, Gulu, Uganda.

**Lynette Odondi**, Lecturer and PhD candidate, researcher in United States International University-Africa, Nairobi, Kenya.

**Maximilian Rech**, Academic Director of ESSCA School of Management (Shanghai Campus), Angers, France.

**Prof Wei Shen**, Jean Monnet Chair in EU-China Relations, Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor (International Relations), Deakin University, Australia; Vice-President, EU-Asia Centre, Brussels; Editor-in-Chief, Asia-Europe Journal.

**Prof Jean-Marc Trouille**, Jean Monnet Chair, Principal Investigator of the EU-EAC Jean Monnet Network (Europe-Africa-China), Bradford, UK; Independent academic expert for EU projects.

**Dr Penine Uwimbabazi**, Associate Professor of Policy Analysis and Conflict Transformation, Protestant Institute Arts and Social Sciences, Huye, Rwanda.

**Uwe Wissenbach**, European External Action Service (EEAS), formerly DG DEV Official, drafted the 2008 European Commission paper on 'EU, China and Africa: Towards Trilateral Dialogue and Cooperation (tbc.)

## The EU-EAC Jean Monnet Network

This international event, jointly organised with Egmont Royal Institute of International Relations, is part of the activities of the **Jean Monnet Network ‘The European Union, Africa and China in the Global Age – Sustainable Development through Tripartite Cooperation and Regional Integration: The Case of the East African Community (EU-EAC)’**. This is a sustainability project supported by the EU Commission’s Jean Monnet Programme. Issues of integration and cooperation are at the core of its action. This event-intensive research and training project has organised activities across three continents and eight countries to bring together academics, policy makers, diplomats, think tanks and international organisations from Africa, China and Europe. It promotes regional integration ‘on the ground’ and runs Training & Dialogue Sessions for the EAC and its member states. Its aim is to contribute to building sustainable societies in Africa in coordination with the European Union and China and advocates a dialogue between the European Union, Africa and China to boost African development in a coordinated fashion. In the EU-EAC acronym ‘EAC’ refers to the two core agendas of the project: to the East African Community as an example of regional economic integration; and to the broader context of ‘Europe, Africa and China’.

## **Member Organisations**

University of Bradford School of Management, UK (Lead institution)  
Lancaster University Management School, UK  
University of the Peloponnese, Greece  
United States American University - Africa (USIU-A), Nairobi, Kenya  
Centre de Recherche et de Formation pour la Paix (CERFOPAX), University of Burundi  
Uongozi Institute of African Leadership for Sustainable Development, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania  
Gulu University, Institute for Peace and Strategic Studies, Gulu, Uganda  
Protestant Institute for Arts and Social Sciences (PIASS), Department of Development Studies, Kigali, Rwanda

## **Previous events**

April 2017, Nairobi (Kenya):  
Inaugural event: International Research Workshop on Regional Integration

June 2017, Arusha (Tanzania):  
Visit to the Headquarters of the East African Community (EAC), Arusha

Sept 2017, Arusha (Tanzania):  
Training & Dialogue Session at EAC Headquarters  
International Research Workshop on Regional Integration in East Africa

February 2018, Kampala (Uganda):  
Training & Dialogue Session at Ministry of East African Community Affairs

March 2018, Gulu University (Uganda):  
International Conference on Regional Integration in East Africa

September 2018: *Jean Monnet Eurafrikan Conversations – Rwanda*:  
Training & Dialogue Session at Ministry of East African Affairs  
Roundtable Debates on Regional Integration at University of Kigali

Second International Conference on Regional Integration in Huye

May 2019, UN International Conference Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia:  
First EU-Africa-China Conference on Trilateral Cooperation for African Development

July 2019, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, Shanghai:  
Second EU-Africa-China Conference on Trilateral Cooperation for African Development

August 2019, EU Delegation to the People's Republic of China, Beijing:  
Jean Monnet Roundtable on Promoting an EU-China-Africa Dialogue

### **Forthcoming events:**

January 2020, Bujumbura, Burundi:  
Conference on Regional Integration at the Université du Burundi

February 2020, Nairobi, Kenya:  
Training & Dialogue Session for the Kenyan Ministry of East African Affairs

### **Honorary members:**

**H.E. Prof. Sarah Mbi Enow Anyang Agbor**, African Union Commission, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology.

**Amb. Tim Clarke**, former Ambassador / Head of EU Delegation posted to Addis Ababa where he was responsible for relations with the African Union, IGAD, Ethiopia and Djibouti, then Dar Es Salaam where he was responsible for relations with Tanzania and the EAC.

**Dr Frannie Léautier**, former Vice-President of the World Bank, Head of the World Bank Institute, former Partner and CEO of Mkoba Private Equity of African Capacity Building Foundation, and currently Senior Vice-President of the African Development Bank Group in Abidjan, who was recently listed among the 100 most influential people in Africa.

**Amb. Libérat Mfumukeko**, Secretary General of the East African Community (EAC).

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