

Dear Sir, Madam,

The Brussels Institute of Contemporary China Studies has the honour to invite you to a workshop on **China's environment and climate change policies**.

It will take place on **Thursday November 5th** between 15h00 and 17h00 at the premises of BICCS. The programme will be as follows:

15h00: Welcome
15h05: Presentation by Peter Ho
15h25: Presentation by Wu Fuzuo
15h45: Presentation by Bjorn Conrad
15h55: Discussion
17h00: End of meeting

Please register before November 1th by sending an email to biccs@vub.ac.be, mentioning your name, organization, and affiliation. You can consult the itinerary for more details about the venue.

Feel free to forward this invitation.

Best regards,

The BICCS team

The environment has emerged as one of the most important policy challenges faced by the Chinese government. The early years of reform paid little attention to environmental concerns, and economic growth was given priority over other considerations. Even though the importance of the environment was formally recognized through the development of a legislative framework, in practice the attitude of the authorities and Chinese society has been that environmental degradation is a price to pay for economic development. This attitude has changed as the reality of environmental degradation increasingly impacts China. The impact threatens domestic growth, and has also important health, social and political implications, as well as an international dimension. China must respond not only to domestic needs, but also to international concerns about its environmental policies.

Peter Ho is Director of the Centre for Development Studies at the University of Groninger, and has published widely on environmentalism and green NGOs in China. Wu Fuzuo is Research Fellow at the Centre for Chinese Foreign Policy Studies, Fudan University, where she specializes in questions of climate change and energy. Bjorn Conrad is Research Associate at the Global Public Policy Institute in Berlin. His current research focuses on China's climate change policy.

New publications at BICCS:

The following are a selection of the latest BICCS publications:

Asia Paper: The Impact of China's Biofuels Policies

Asia Paper: Climate Change, China and the EU: Different Policies, Same End?

Asia Paper: Making Wind? EU-China Cooperation on Climate Change.

These publications can be found at:

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Forthcoming events at BICCS:

5 November: 15h00-17h00: China's environmental strategies

6 November: 14h30-17h00: China-Africa-EU cooperation

19 November: 15h00-17h00: China's political transition

9 December: 15h00-17h00: Centre-province relations



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