

# From the “Workshop of the World” to “Systemic Rival”? International Perspectives on a Global China

Interdisciplinary conference | 29 – 31 March 2023  
Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe, Steintorplatz, 20099 Hamburg, Germany

Dear speaker,

We are happy to provide you with more details regarding your participation at the interdisciplinary conference **From the “Workshop of the World” to “Systemic Rival”? International Perspectives on a Global China** on 29-31 March 2023 in Hamburg.

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## IMPORTANT CONTACT DETAILS

### PROJECT TEAM

### FURTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

**Accomodation:** Courtyard by Marriot Hamburg Zentrum, Reception: +49 40 298 420

**Getting from A to B:** Hansa-Taxi: +49 40 211 211 OR public transport: [www.hvv.de](http://www.hvv.de)

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### 09:00 am WELCOME & INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

**Elisabeth Winter**, Programme Director Global Markets and Social Justice, Bundeskanzler-Helmut-Schmidt-Stiftung (BKHS)

**Hendrik Heetlage**, Research Assistant, Bundeskanzler-Helmut-Schmidt-Stiftung (BKHS)

In retrospect: A short review on Helmut Schmidt's view on China

**Dr Martin Albers**, Historian, City of Hamburg

### 10:00 am THE EVOLUTION OF GERMAN NARRATIVES ON CHINA

*In cooperation with the Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS)*

Speakers:

**Dr Sabine Stricker-Kellerer**, Lawyer at SSK Asia; Consultant; Arbitrator of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC); Chairwoman of the Foreign Trade Advisory Council of the Federal Minister of Economics and Technology

**Reinhard Bütikofer**, Member of the European Parliament (GREENS/EFA)

**Dr Jing Bartz**, Culture manager, writer

**Dr Martin Thümmel**, Director for East Asia, Southeast Asia and Pacific, Federal Foreign Office

Chair: **Bernhard Bartsch**, Director External Relations, Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS)

### 11:30 am LUNCH BREAK & NETWORKING

### 01:00 pm US NARRATIVES ON CHINA

*In cooperation with the Kissinger Institute on China and the United States (KICUS)*

Speakers:

**Robert Daly**, Director, Kissinger Institute on China and the United States, The Wilson Center

**Dr Brendan Mulvaney**, Director, USAF China Aerospace Studies Institute

**Nathaniel Ahrens**, Executive Director, American Mandarin Society

**Rui Zhong**, Programme Associate for the Kissinger Institute on China and the United States at The Wilson Center

**Sophie Richardson, PhD**, China Director, Human Rights Watch

Moderator: **Elisabeth Winter**, Programme Director Global Markets and Social Justice, Bundeskanzler-Helmut-Schmidt-Stiftung (BKHS)

### 02:30 pm COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING

**03:30 pm CHINA NARRATIVES IN ASIA**

*In cooperation with the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA)*

Speakers:

**Dr Manjeet Pardesi**, Associate Professor of International Relations, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

**Prof. Shin Kawashima**, Department of International Relations, the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, University of Tokyo

**Dr Esther Song**, Research Fellow, German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Hamburg

**Dr Evan A. Laksmana**, Senior Research Fellow, Centre on Asia and Globalisation, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

Chair: **Dr Julia Strasheim**, Deputy Managing Director and Programme Director European and International Politics, Bundeskanzler-Helmut-Schmidt-Stiftung (BKHS)

Discussant: **Prof. Dr Patrick Köllner**, Vice President, German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA); Director, GIGA Institute for Asian Studies; Professor, University of Hamburg

**05:00 pm BREAK & NETWORKING**

**06:30 pm DISCUSSION ON HAMBURG, CHINA AND THE POLITICS OF GLOBALISATION**

Please note: this is a public event NOT held under Chatham House Rule!

Speakers:

**Noah Barkin**, Managing Editor, Rhodium Group & Visiting Senior Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)

**Matthias Naß**, Chief International Editor, DIE ZEIT

Moderator: **Elisabeth Winter**, Programme Director Global Markets and Social Justice, Bundeskanzler-Helmut-Schmidt-Stiftung (BKHS)

This event is followed by a reception.

**09:00 pm END OF DAY**

**Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**09:00 am CHINA NARRATIVES IN AFRICA**

*In cooperation with the Africa Policy Research Institute (APRI)*

Speakers:

**Dr Cobus van Staden**, Senior Research Affiliate, South African Institute of International Affairs; Managing Editor, China-Africa Project, Johannesburg, South Africa

**Yunnan Chen**, Research Fellow at the ODI (formerly Overseas Development Institute), London, United Kingdom

**Dr Lina Benabdallah**, Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Wake Forest University and Visiting Fellow at the Centre for African Studies at Harvard University, USA

**Dr Yu-Shan Wu**, Research Fellow, Department of Political Sciences, University of Pretoria, South Africa

Chair: **Dr Olumide Abimbola**, Executive Director, Africa Policy Research Institute (APRI)

Discussant: **Dr Folashadé Soulé-Kohndou**, Senior Research Associate, Global Economic Governance Programme, University of Oxford and Visiting Scholar, University of Ghana

**10:30 am COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING**

**11:30 am A DEBATE ON CHANGING CHINA NARRATIVES IN EUROPE**

*In cooperation with the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)*

Speakers:

**Dr Miguel Otero Iglesias**, Senior Analyst at Elcano Royal Institute and Professor at the IE School of Global and Public Affairs (IEGPA)

**Dr Justyna Szczudlik**, Deputy Head of Research, China Expert, Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM)

Moderator: **Dr Janka Oertel**, Director Asia Programme, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

**01:00 pm LUNCHEON WITH CLOSING REMARKS**

**02:30 pm END OF EVENT**

## YOUR PANEL

Thursday, 30<sup>st</sup> March 2023 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am

### THE EVOLUTION OF GERMAN NARRATIVES ON CHINA

In cooperation with the Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS)

For decades (West-)Germany benefited from China's rapid economic growth and participated willingly in knowledge-exchange. Now the tide seems to have been turned; what are the political and economic motivations or conditions for the changing China narratives in Germany? Confronted with an intensifying great power confrontation; what are the chances for a new German policy on China now that Germany is implementing its first ever China Strategy?

#### Speakers:

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**Reinhard Bütikofer**, Member of the European Parliament (GREENS/EFA)

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Please find short bios on the next pages!

#### Run-of-show

- Bernhard Bartsch introduces panellists
- **All panellists give 5 minutes input**
- Discussion between panellists on stage
- Followed by Q&A with audience, moderated by Bernhard Bartsch

**Dr Sabine Stricker-Kellerer**  
**Lawyer SSK Asia**



Sabine Stricker-Kellerer is advising European clients on their business activities in China. She has up to date knowledge, balanced judgement and over 40 years' experience on topics such as the establishment and restructuring of foreign investment projects in China, aspects of corporate structuring and regulatory issues, negotiations, technology licensing and dispute resolution. She is a leading international legal expert on China business. In 1985, she was the first European lawyer to open an office in China. She frequently acts as arbitrator with various Asia related arbitration institutions. She is a member of the Advisory Board of Mercis (Mercator Institute of Chinese Studies), member of the German Chinese Dialogue Forum, Chairwomen of the China Country Committee and member of the Board of Directors of the German Asia Pacific Business Association (OAV e.V). She received her legal education at the universities of Munich, Geneva and at Harvard Law School (LL.M.).

**Reinhard Bütikofer**  
**Member of the European Parliament**



**Biographical statement:**

Member (Greens/EFA), European Parliament (since 2009); Member. Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET) as Greens/EFA Foreign Affairs Coordinator; Substitute Member, Committee on International Trade (INTA); Chair, European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with the People's Republic of China; Member, European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with the United States of America; Substitute Member, ASEAN Delegation. Formerly: Co-Chair, European Green Party (2012-2019) and Co-Chair, German Green Party BÜNDNIS 90/DIE GRÜNEN (2002-2008).

**Dr Martin Thümmel**

**Director for East Asia, Southeast Asia and Pacific, Federal Foreign Office**



Martin Thümmel has served in the Federal Foreign Office for over twenty years. He is currently Deputy Director General for East Asia, Southeast Asia and Pacific. Before his current position he served as Head of the Task Force European Migration Policy (formerly Coordination Staff for Refugees and Migration). Prior to that he served as director of the political section at the German Embassy in Beijing. In the past, he has worked inter alia at the Permanent Mission of Germany at the United Nations in New York, the German Consulates General in Mumbai and Shanghai, as well as in the European Directorate of the Foreign Office. His academic qualifications include a doctorate in law and an M.A. in sinology.

**Dr Jing Bartz**

**Culture manager/writer**



Born in Beijing, China. She studied in Beijing, Kiel and Leipzig. From 2003 to 2013 she held the position of director of the Book Office of Frankfurt Book Fair in Beijing, and later set up the joint venture of Hachett Livre and Phoenix Publishing Group. In 2013, she returned to Germany and has been living in Hamburg since then, working as an independent culture manager and writer. She is also a columnist of Caixin Weekly and Tencent Nonfiction.



**Bernhard Bartsch**

**Director External Relations, Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS)**



Bernhard Bartsch is Director External Relations of MERICS. His research focuses on German and European China policy, economic and business relations, China's role as a global actor and scenario planning. He also oversees MERICS's membership program, stakeholder management, fellowships, events and strategic convening. Before joining MERICS, Bernhard headed the Asia Program at Bertelsmann Stiftung, where he published numerous studies and established various strategy development and conference formats. From 1999 to 2013, Bernhard lived in Beijing, working as East Asia Correspondent for major German-language media, including Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Wirtschaftswoche, Frankfurter Rundschau and the business magazine brand eins. Bernhard studied sinology, economics, politics and journalism in Hamburg, Beijing and London.

## 3-DAY SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

### Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (speakers only)

**05:00 pm GUIDED TOUR OF FORMER HISTORIC CHINA TOWN HAMBURG**  
With **Dr Lars Amenda**, Historian

**06:30 pm DINNER WITH FIRESIDE CHAT STLYE DISCUSSION**  
With **Felix Lee**, Journalist and Book Author, China.Table

**09:00 pm END OF DAY**

### Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**09:00 am BEGIN OF CONFERENCE**

**11:30 am LUNCH BREAK & NETWORKING**

**01:00 pm US NARRATIVES ON CHINA**

**02:30 pm COFFEE BREAK & NETWORKING**

**03:30 pm CHINA NARRATIVES IN ASIA**

**05:00 pm BREAK & NETWORKING**

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GLOBALISATION**

**09:00 pm END OF DAY**

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**01:00 pm LUNCHEON WITH CLOSING REMARKS**

**02:30 pm END OF CONFERENCE**

## VENUES AND MEETING POINTS

### Accommodation | Courtyard by Marriott Hamburg Zentrum

<b>WHEN?</b>	According to your booking.
<b>WHERE?</b>	Adenauerallee 52, 20097 Hamburg
<b>HOW TO GET THERE:</b>	<b>From central station (Hamburg Hbf):</b>  A ten-minute walk along Adenauerallee  <b>From the airport (Hamburg Airport):</b>  <b>Public transport from the airport</b> S1 train to Hamburg Central Station/Hauptbahnhof; from there it is a ten-minute walk to the hotel  or  <b>Taxi</b> to Adenauerallee 52
<b>FURTHER INFORMATION:</b>	Your room is ready for <b>check-in</b> on the day of arrival starting at 03:00 pm; <b>check-out</b> time on the day of departure is 12:00 pm.  If you have any questions regarding your stay, please contact the hotel directly at +49 40 298 420.

## Guided tour of former historic China Town Hamburg | St. Pauli district

- WHEN?** Wednesday, 29 March 2023  
5:15 – 6:30 pm
- WHERE?** Schmuckstraße/corner of Talstraße, 20359 Hamburg  
(see map below)
- HOW TO GET THERE:** The S-Bahn lines S1 and S3 take you from the main station or Berliner Tor station to Reeperbahn station. From there it is only a two-minute walk to the meeting point.
- FURTHER INFORMATION:** Historian Dr Lars Amenda will lead the tour.
- Hamburg is a beautiful city, but an unpredictable one when it comes to the weather. Please check the weather forecast and prepare accordingly. If needed, please ask at the hotel reception if you can borrow an umbrella.

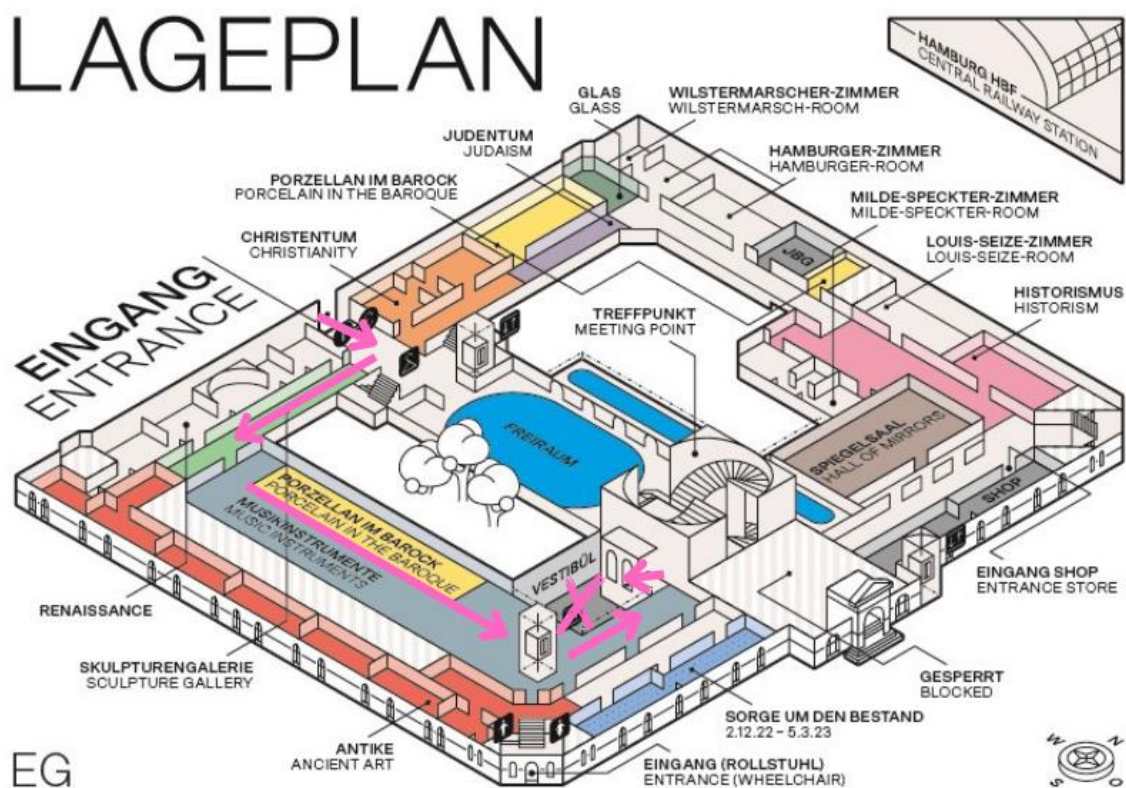


## Welcome Dinner | Fritzis

<b>WHEN?</b>	Wednesday, 29 March 2023 6:30 – 10 pm
<b>WHERE?</b>	Fritzis, Kleine Freiheit 1, 22767 Hamburg
<b>HOW TO GET THERE:</b>	<p>Everyone who participates in the guided tour of Hamburg's historic Chinese quarter will walk there together after the tour.</p> <p>If you do not participate in the guided tour: There are many bus- and metro-stops close to the restaurant. Depending on the time of your arrival in Hamburg we suggest to consult Google Maps. Our recommendation: Taking the bus or S-Bahn to the stop "Reeperbahn" and walking 5 minutes directly to the restaurant from there.</p>
<b>FURTHER INFORMATION:</b>	<p>Journalist and author Felix Lee will host a fireside chat during dinner.</p> <p>Fritzis is a brand-new restaurant in the heart of the St. Pauli nightlife district. Here you can eat contemporary interpretations of European classics. Their cuisine works with the best producers from the Hamburg region and with selected top products from all over Germany and Europe.</p>

## Interdisciplinary Conference | Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe

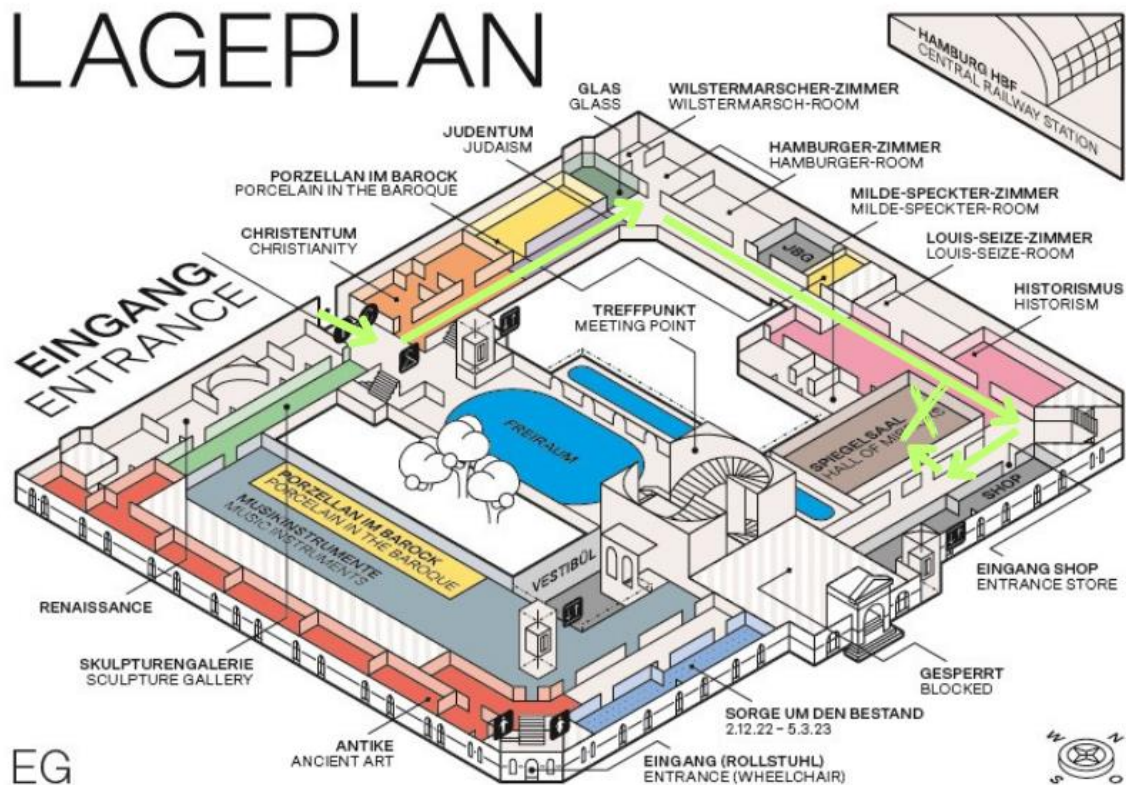
- WHEN?** Thursday, 30 March 2023 + Friday, 31 March 2023  
Registration for speakers and audience: 8:30 – 9 am  
Program:  
9 am – 5 pm on Thursday  
9 am – 2:30 pm on Friday
- WHERE?** Event room Vestibül (*Vestibule* in English), Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe (*Museum of Arts and Crafts* in English), Steintorplatz, 20099 Hamburg
- Please use the main entrance of the museum. It is located on the west side of the building. The way from the entrance area to the event room Vestibül is marked with signs. The museum staff will be happy to help you at any time if you cannot find your way inside the building.
- HOW TO GET THERE:** The conference venue is a short nine-minute walk from your hotel.



**Discussion on Hamburg, China and the politics of globalisation (public event) |**  
 Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe

- WHEN?** Thursday, 30 March 2023  
 6:30 – 9 pm
- WHERE?** Event room Spiegelsaal (*Hall of Mirrors* in English), Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe (*Museum of Arts and Crafts* in English), Steintorplatz, 20099 Hamburg
- HOW TO GET THERE:** It is a two-minute walk inside the museum from the Vestibül conference room to the Spiegelsaal.
- FURTHER INFORMATION:** The podium discussion will be followed by a small reception.

# LAGEPLAN



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- This consideration should always guide the way in which event information is disseminated – online as well as offline. For example, a person tweeting about what has been said during the event, is only permitted to do so, if they do not identify – directly or indirectly - the speaker or another participant.
- You are allowed, however, to mention what you said yourself during the event.
- The list of participants should not be circulated beyond those participating in the event.
- No photos will be taken during the conference itself. At most, there will be pictures taken to capture the overall ambience.

The Chatham House Rule will **NOT** be enforced during the public event on 30 March at 6:30 pm where a photographer will be present.

## INFORMATION ON REIMBURSEMENT

For reimbursement of your travel costs, please send a copy of receipts (e.g. train/flight invoice, taxi receipts) together with your corresponding bank account details via e-mail to: