

The Centre For EU-ASIA Connectivity (CEAC)

Presentation and Activities Report 2022–2024



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Background

In February 2022, Prof. Dr. Sebastian Bersick and Mrs. Mireia Paulo, Department of International Political Economy of East-Asia, Faculty of East Asian Studies, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB), received a grant to establish a **Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence**.

In 2022, the Centre for EU-Asia Connectivity (CEAC) was the only Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence newly established in Germany.

This highly competitive award funded by the EU's Erasmus+ programme promotes the study and understanding of the European Union, both in its internal and external dimensions.

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Purpose

CEAC generates critical **academic analysis** in order to enhance a differentiated and strategic **understanding of EU-Asia affairs** and the **factors** that strengthen, inhibit and shape **connectivity** within and between the two regions.

The Centre **contributes to research and teaching in the areas of EU studies and EU-Asia relations** in a globalised and yet increasingly fragmented world economy. It approaches the understanding of EU-Asia affairs and the role of connectivity from an **interdisciplinary perspective**.

CEAC stimulates academic **debates on conceptualising and analysing connectivity-related challenges and opportunities** for the EU's role in a rapidly changing global environment.

At the same time, the Centre **facilitates cooperation** between relevant **stakeholders** at the local, regional, and global level, and functions as a **communication platform** with a public outreach.

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PUBLIC LAUNCH EVENT
JEAN MONNET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE AT RUHR-UNIVERSITÄT BOCHUM
CENTRE FOR EU-ASIA CONNECTIVITY (CEAC)



DATE 27TH April, 2022
TIME 09:30 – 11:40
FORMAT online, ZOOM webinar
REGISTRATION URL shorturl.at/vLV15



SESSION I

WELCOME AND LAUNCH OF CEAC, JEAN MONNET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

09:30 – 09:35 A.M. Moderation by *Ms. Mireia Paulo*, Head of Management of CEAC, RUB
 09:35 – 09:45 A.M. *Prof. Dr. techn. Günther Meschke*, Vice-Rector for Research and Transfer, RUB
 09:45 – 09:55 A.M. *Prof. Dr. Kaija Schmidtppott*, Dean of the Faculty of East Asian Studies, RUB
 09:55 – 10:05 A.M. *Prof. Dr. Sebastian Bersick*, Executive Director of CEAC, Jean Monnet Chair and Head of Department, International Political Economy of East Asia, Faculty of East Asian Studies, RUB
 10:05 – 10:15 A.M. *Dr. José-Lorenzo Vallés*, Head of Unit, DG EACEA, European Commission
 10:15 – 10:25 A.M. *Ms. Jutta Schmid*, Deputy Director, Erasmus Institutional Coordinator, International Office, RUB

SESSION II

ROUNDTABLE ON "EU-ASIA CONNECTIVITY: GOVERNANCE, PARTNERSHIPS, AND PRIORITIES"

10:40 – 10:45 A.M. Introduction by *Prof. Dr. Sebastian Bersick*
 10:45 – 11:40 A.M. Participants:

- Prof. Dr. Bernadette Andreosso-O'Callaghan*, Jean Monnet Professor of Economics, University of Limerick, Republic of Ireland
- Prof. Dr. Ummu Salma Bava*, Centre for European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India
- Prof. Dr. Azirah Hashim*, Faculty of Languages and Linguistics, Universiti Malaya, Malaysia
- Prof. Dr. Sunghoon Park*, Executive Director of the EU Centre, Korea University, Republic of Korea
- Prof. Dr. Werner Pascha*, Mercator School of Management, Institute of East Asian Studies (IN-EAST), University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany
- EU Ambassador ret., Michael Reiterer*, The Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy, Brussels School of Governance, Belgium

REGISTRATION PLEASE SCAN






Launch Event

Jean Monnet actions in 1989-2022

- Thematic-based:** EU integration studies
- Objective:** to promote excellence in teaching and research on the European integration process throughout the world and across all disciplines
- Milestones:**
 - 1989: Jean Monnet activities aiming to introduce European integration studies in the European universities following the fall of the Berlin Wall
 - 2001: Jean Monnet activities extended to the rest of the World
 - 2021-27: continuity of Jean Monnet activities under the new Erasmus+



José-Lorenzo VALLÉS
Head of Unit EACEA.A1 "European Higher Education"

SESSION I VIDEO

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SESSION II VIDEO



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▶ TEACHING VIDEO

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▶ COMMUNICATION VIDEO

Pillars

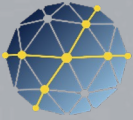
CEAC facilitates the development of sustainable connections within, between and beyond Europe and Asia through four pillars:

- (1) Research
- (2) Teaching
- (3) Network
- (4) Communication

Within each pillar multiple **activities** are conducted. CEAC also undertakes activities in relation to **Careers and Alumni**.



The graphic features the CEAC logo at the top left, followed by the text 'JEAN MONNET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE CENTRE FOR EU-ASIA CONNECTIVITY'. Below this, four diagonal bands represent the pillars: 'Research' (light blue), 'Network' (dark blue), 'Teaching' (yellow), and 'Communication' (light blue). At the bottom right, there is a QR code with the URL 'ceac-rub.org' above it and social media icons for YouTube, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram below it. The bottom of the graphic includes logos for 'RUB' (Ruhr-Universität Bochum), 'JEAN MONNET CHAIR EU-ASIA CONNECTIVITY', and 'Co-funded by the European Union'.



Research

CEAC promotes joint research activities in the field of EU Studies and EU-Asia relations, with particular attention to the role of connectivity. Within its network, CEAC pools expertise from Europe, Asia, and beyond, providing an interdisciplinary, multicultural, and cross-generational platform for early career and senior researchers alike.

[Go to Research Activities Section](#)

Teaching

CEAC promotes teaching on EU-Asia affairs for undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate students, i.e. at the B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. level. The curricular introduces EU studies at the [Faculty of East Asian Studies](#) and [Ruhr-Universität Bochum \(RUB\)](#).

[Go to Teaching Activities Section](#)

Network

CEAC builds and enhances partnerships and networks by leveraging collaborations with academia, as well as public and private organisations. The disciplinary, institutional, and internal diversity of CEAC and its network complements the Centre's actions, such as research activities, students exchange and internship programmes.

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Communication

CEAC functions as a communication platform for information sharing and dialogue, as well as on-line and off-line interactions. It engages with students, researchers, policymakers, and the civil society through various communication channels: website, social media, newsletter, and academic publications.

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CEAC's Core Connectivity Competences

Research

RESEARCH PROJECTS

VISITING SCHOLARS

RESEARCH MOBILITY

PUBLICATION

CONFERENCES &
WORKSHOPS

EARLY CAREER
RESEARCHER AWARD

Teaching

COURSES AND SEMINARS

STUDENT EXCHANGE
PROGRAMMES

Network

NETWORKS

PARTNERS

WORK WITH US

Communication

WEBSITE

MEDIA-HUB

SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY

NEWS - EVENTS

NEWSLETTER

CEAC IN MEDIA

Careers & Alumni

CEAC TALENT

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CEAC ALUMNI NETWORK



Research

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Research Activities include:

RESEARCH PROJECTS

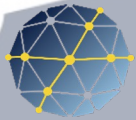
PUBLICATIONS

VISITING SCHOLARS

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

RESEARCH MOBILITY

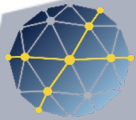
EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER AWARD



Research Areas

- Global and regional governance
- Comparative regional integration
- Foreign and trade policies
- Economy and security nexus
- Digital transformation
- Financial institutions and fintech
- Climate change and energy security

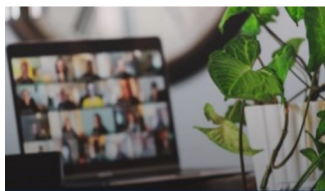




PREVIOUS RESEARCH PROJECTS



Beidou global navigation satellite system: Specifics and application



Jean Monnet Chair: "Connecting Europe and Asia: People, Power and Policies" (CEAPP)



European-Asian Research Network on Strategies for Promoting Europe-Asia Connectivity (SPEAC)



Jean Monnet Chair: "The International Political Economy of EU-Asia Relations" (IPEEAR)

Research Projects

The CEAC's researchers are engaged in a number of different research projects and activities. Several projects are initiated jointly by researchers with common research interests.

Researchers meet regularly, organise seminars, and invite guest lecturers in relation to their particular research projects. When possible, new collaborations are started and academic exchanges are conducted.



Research Projects (Ongoing)



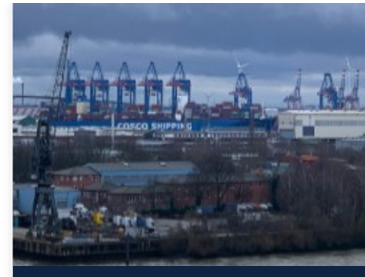
China's Economic Rise in the Balkans



Global interests and competition in the Asia-Pacific region



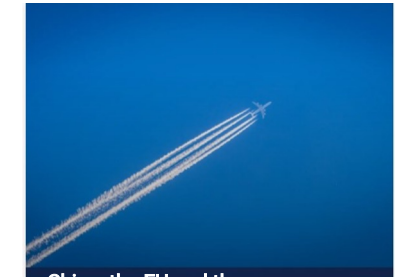
Memory struggle, national identity, and ways to global solidarity for memory



Chinese FDI in European Seaport Infrastructure



International Trade and Sectoral Income Equality in East Asia



China, the EU and the implementation of market-based measures (MBMs) for tackling global emissions from the aviation sector



EU China Sports Diplomacy



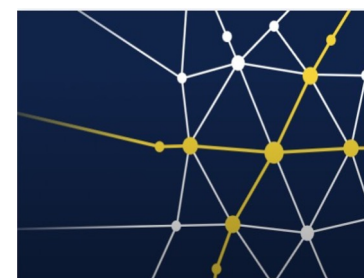
(Re)Building connectivity. Statecraft, Marketcraft and the pursuit of Sustainable Capitalism



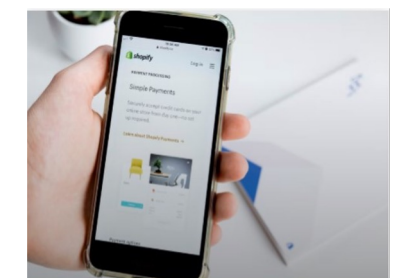
Data Governance



Energy Security and Third Country Policies of the EU and PRC



Eurasian Connectivity: New routes to improve efficiency

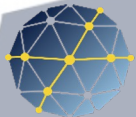


EU-China Cross-Border E-Commerce

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The academic and regional diversity of CEAC's guests enriches intellectual life at the Centre.

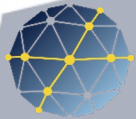
Visiting Scholars

CEAC contributes to researcher exchanges and academic cooperation between Europe and Asia, and worldwide. The Centre offers opening opportunities for visiting scholars to fruitfully collaborate with other peers.

We accommodate academic faculty from other universities who wish to spend a period of time at CEAC, pursuing research on a particular topic related to the Centre's purpose.

Exchanges for international researchers and visiting scholars possess special importance for CEAC's academic research. It seeks to expand international mobility of both early career and senior researchers, as well as to leverage collaborations and networks, particularly between Europe and Asia.





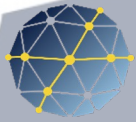
Visiting Scholars

Prof. Dr. Bahri Yilmaz, EU Ad Personam
Jean Monnet Professor, Emeritus
Professor in Economics, Sabanci
University, Turkey

Dr. Niall Duggan, Department of
Government and Politics, University College
Cork, Republic of Ireland

Dr. Weili Huang, Lecturer at the Business
Faculty of Xi'an University of Finance and
Economics, China





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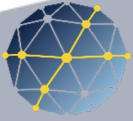
Research Mobility

CEAC contributes to research mobility and academic cooperation between Europe and Asia, and worldwide. It seeks to expand international mobility of early career and senior researchers, as well as to leverage collaborations and networks.

CEAC works to encourage dialogue and interdisciplinary expertise, involving researchers from all around the world in its activities. We strongly believe that the intellectual life at the Centre is enriched by the academic and regional diversity of our guests.

[Application Eligibility & Application Procedure](#)





30 November 2024

Prof. Dr. Bersick delivered a lecture about “*EU-Asia Connectivity and Economic Security: Concepts, Conflicts, and Cooperation*” at UniMC, Italy.

This visit is part of the partnership between CEAC and the China Center at UniMC, which facilitates joint initiatives that enhance research collaborations and researchers exchanges between both institutions.

Research Mobility: Prof. Dr. Bersick’s Lecture at University of Macerata (UniMC)



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5-10 November 2024

CEAC hosted Dr. Duggan, Senior Lecturer in Government and Politics from University College Cork (UCC), through **the Erasmus+ Mobility Agreement for Staff Mobility**, for a joint research project and a lecture on *“African Agency in Geopolitical Times: Playing with EU and China Ontological Security”*.

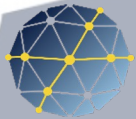
The event enhanced academic exchange and bolstered European education cooperation under the **UNIC Alliance**, of which RUB is a member.

Research Mobility Promotes Academic Exchange Between University College Cork and RUB



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16 October 2024

The Faculty of East Asian Studies and CEAC welcomed Prof. Dr. Wei Shen, Qiushi Distinguished Chair Professor in the Department of Political Science at Zhejiang University, for a lecture titled *“Change by Exchange? Opportunities and Challenges for China-Europe Academic Partnership”*.

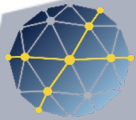
Prof. Wei Shen also engaged in discussions concerning the publication of research findings from the CEAC-CHERN Workshop.

Research Mobility: Talk on China-Europe Academic Partnership with Prof. Dr. Wei Shen



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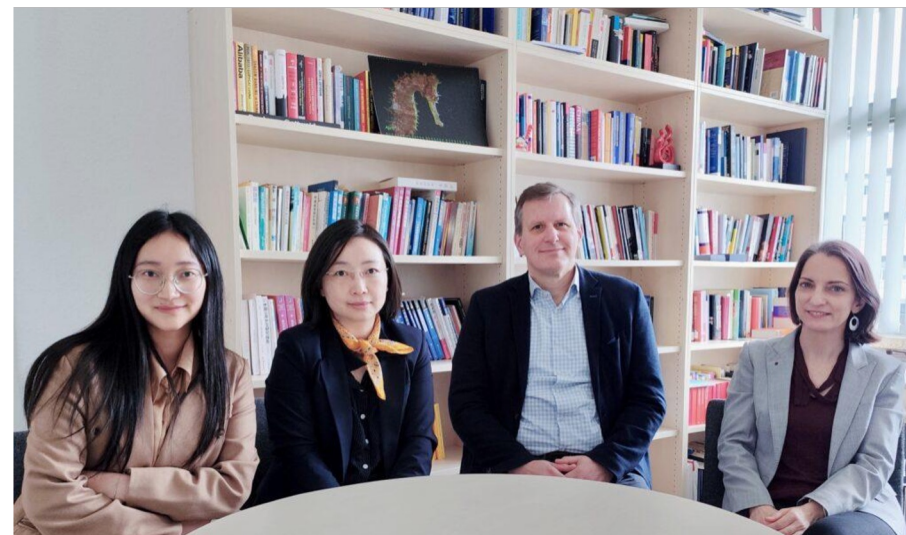


8 May 2024

Prof. Lilei Song from Tongji University, Shanghai, visited CEAC to explore further academic cooperation opportunities.

This visit followed the earlier trip in late March 2024, when eleven delegates, including the president of Tongji University, visited Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB) to extend and expand cooperation.

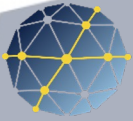
Prof. Song Visits CEAC at RUB to Explore Academic Cooperation



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**JORNADA
INTERNACIONAL**
Perspectivas comparatísticas
de la gobernanza de datos

31 MARZO 2022
11:00 - 13:00

Salón de Grados Vicente
L. Montés Penadés (2P15)

PROGRAMA

11.00. Inauguración

11.15. "La gobernanza de datos en el derecho comunitario"

12.00 "Presentación de la situación general actual de la gobernanza de datos en la República Popular de China"

12.45. Debate



**DR. D. JAVIER
PLAZA PENADÉS**

Delegado de Protección de
datos y Catedrático de
Derecho Civil,
Universidad de Valencia



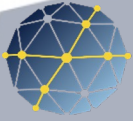
**DÑA. MIREIA
PAULO NOGUERA**

Consultora senior en el bufete
de abogados de A&Z en Shanghái,
China; Árbitro-mediadora en la
Comisión de Arbitraje Económico y
Comercial Internacional de Shanghái
y profesora asociada en la
Universidad Ruhr-Universität Bochum
(RUB), Alemania

Patrocinador: Proyecto titulado "La moderna configuración de la transparencia y la protección de datos en el derecho de contratos"
(Projecte desenvolupat en el marc del programa propi d'Investigació del Vicerectorat d'Investigació de la UV, convocatòria d'Accions Especials, expedient UV-INV-AE-1562512)

Research Mobility: Mrs. Mireia Paulo's Lecture at the School of Law, University of Valencia, Spain





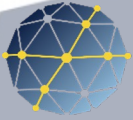
Conferences & Workshops (Organised by CEAC)

In collaboration with its partners and network, CEAC organised conferences and workshops on relevant topics in the field of EU-Asia relations.

Activities include the:

- CEAC-CHERN Workshop “EU Responses to Chinese Investments in European Strategic Sectors” (2024)
- Conference “Go East: New Perspectives and New Connections - Central Asia and the South Caucasus ” (2023)
- Jean Monnet Lecture Series (2022-2024)





11-12 April 2024

The Workshop *“EU Responses to Chinese Investments in European Strategic Sectors”*, conducted at RUB’s Faculty of East Asian Studies, was jointly organised by the China Europe Research Network (CHERN), COST Action, and CEAC.

The event convened a group of researchers to deliberate on current developments concerning Chinese Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in European critical infrastructure.

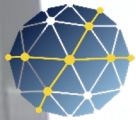
CEAC-CHERN Workshop



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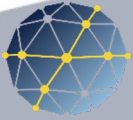
Advancing Collaboration and Dissemination: Outcomes

The workshop not only advanced academic discussions but also strengthened the network of researchers, promoting further joint-cooperation in research projects, and research communication (report, videos, and news).

In addition to the productive and stimulating academic discourse, the workshop also produced publications in *CEAC Policy Brief Series* and in the *Asia-Europe Journal*.

[DOWNLOAD THE REPORT](#)





28-29 November 2023.

The conference was jointly organised by [Prof. Sebastian Bersick](#), [Johanna G.B. Rust](#), CEAC Researcher, and [Elena Resch](#), Managing Director at the Liaison Office of the [University Alliance Ruhr](#) for Eastern Europe/Central Asia.

The event was sponsored by the [German Academic Exchange Service \(DAAD\)](#), and supported by the [German Federal Ministry of Education and Research](#) and the [RUB Research School](#).

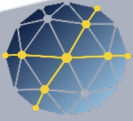
It brought together representatives from Westminster International University in Tashkent (Uzbekistan), Kazakh-German University, D. Serikbayev East Kazakhstan State Technical University, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (Kazakhstan), and Ilia State University (Georgia).

Go East: New Perspectives and New Connections - Central Asia and the South Caucasus



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Ruhr University's rector Prof. Dr. Martin Paul highlighted the strategic importance of Central Asia in the political, economic, and academic context. He stressed the intent to strengthen academic exchange and knowledge transfer with the region, reflecting a renewed academic orientation aligned with the evolving global landscape.



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Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT) and Ilia State University

28 November 2023. Rector Prof. Dr. Martin Paul and Prof. Dr. Ikrom Rikhsiboev, Dean of the Graduate School at Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Prof. Nino Doborjginidze endorsed a MoU between RUB and Ilia State University in Tbilisi, Georgia, focusing on doctoral training collaborations.

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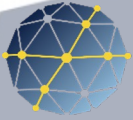
Strengthening Partnerships with Central Asian Universities: Conference Outcomes

The event allowed for deepening cooperation between the Faculty of East Asian Studies and CEAC at RUB with Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT) by signing an MoU.

In addition, cooperation agreements were signed between RUB and **Ilia State University (Georgia)**, paving the way for academic exchange programmes, joint research projects, and doctoral training collaborations.

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The Jean Monnet
Lectures (Webinars)
can be viewed on
the CEAC's Youtube
Channel.



Jean Monnet Lecture Series

<p>Objectives and Prospects in Central Asia-EU Connectivity: Challenges and New Developments</p> <p>1:02:40</p>	<p>China's Economic Relations with the Eastern Mediterranean Region: The Case of Turkey, Greece, Egypt, and Israel</p> <p>1:02:55</p>	<p>EU-Asia Connectivity in Higher Education: The Role of the ASEM Education Process</p> <p>59:09</p>
<p>Shaping EU-Asia Connectivity: The Role of Chinese Multinational Enterprises</p> <p>1:03:11</p>	<p>"Grand Strategy, European Security and Asia's Role"....</p> <p>1:02:13</p>	<p>'The Current State of China-EU Relations and Europe-Asia Connectivity</p> <p>1:15:18</p>



Jean Monnet Lecture Series

1. Ms. Romana Vlahutin, Ambassador-at-Large for Connectivity, European External Action Service (EEAS). "The EU-Asia Connectivity Strategy: Sustainable and Digital Transformations." [[PDF Download](#)]

2. Dr. Bates Gill, Executive Director, Asia Society Policy Institute's Center for China Analysis. "The European Union and Asia in a Changing Global Environment." [[PDF Download](#)]

3. Prof. Dr. Sebastian Bersick, CEAC's Director, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB). "EU-Asia Connectivity: Concepts, Contexts and Contestations." [[PDF Download](#)]

4. Prof. Dr. Michael Reiterer, EU Ambassador ret. "Europe and the Indo-Pacific Strategy: Connectivity at its Core?." [[PDF Download](#)]

5. Prof. Dr. Ummu Salma Bava, Centre for European Studies, SIS, Jawaharlal Nehru University. "The EU-India Connectivity Partnership: Challenges and Prospects to Strategic Cooperations." [[PDF Download](#)]

6. Prof. Dr. Zhang Xiaotong, Fudan University. "The Current State of China-EU Relations and Europe-Asia Connectivity." [[PDF Download](#)]

7. Ms. Shada Islam, Managing Director at New Horizons Project, Geopolitical Strategy Advisor and Analyst. "EU-Asia Connectivity: Chaos, Competition or Cooperation?." [[PDF Download](#)]

8. Prof. Dr. Anna Michalski, Associate Professor in Political Science at the Department of Government, Uppsala University. "EU-Asia: Shaping a new world order through connectivity?." [[PDF Download](#)]

9. Prof. Dr. Sven Biscop, Ghent University and Director of the Europe in the World Programme at the Egmont-Royal Institute. "Grand Strategy, European Security and Asia's Role." [[PDF Download](#)]

10. Prof. Francesca Spigarelli, Full Professor of Applied Economics at the Department of Law and Director of the China Center at the University of Macerata. "The Role of Chinese Multinational Enterprises."

11. H.E. Erik Solheim, former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). "Asian Green Revolution Amidst Global Uncertainties: Where Does the EU Stand?."

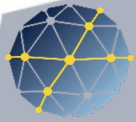
12. Dr Jovan Kurbalija, Founding Director of DiploFoundation and the Head of the Geneva Internet Platform. "Digital geopolitics in Asia-Europe space: issues, actors, and divides."

13. Prof. Azirah Hashim, Asia-Europe Institute (AEI) & Faculty of Languages and Linguistics, Universiti Malaya, Malaysia. "EU-Asia Connectivity: Higher Education."

14. Prof. Dr. Bahri Yilmaz, CEAC affiliate researcher, EU *Ad Personam* Jean Monnet Chair, and Emeritus Professor in Economics at Sabanci University's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. "China's Economic Relations with the Eastern Mediterranean Region: The Case of Turkey, Greece, Egypt, and Israel."

15. Prof. Dr. Akbar Ismanjanov, Head of Law Department at Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT) and Jean Monnet Chair of the Central Asian Centre for European Trade Law (CACETL). "Objectives and Prospects in Central Asia-EU Connectivity: Challenges and New Developments."





Research Activities (CEAC researchers' participation)

CEAC's researchers actively participated in numerous forums, webinars, workshops, and conferences (2022-2024).

These activities enable CEAC's researchers to present their research work and engage in discussions with the scientific community and beyond.

This work shows the importance of research exchange, cross-cultural dialogue, and forging partnerships to navigate the current complexities of connectivity between Europe and Asia.



Research Activities



The 27th International Euro-Asia Research Conference, Barcelona

2-3 November 2023

Prof. Dr. Bersick, Mr. Doege, Prof. Dr. Gottwald, Dr. Gündoğan, and Mrs. Paulo presented their research projects.

The event was co-organised by Casa Asia, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Sheffield University, University of Limerick, University of Pau, University of Poitiers, Institut Mines-Telecom Business School, and RUB.



The EU in International Affairs (EUIA) Conference, Brussels

3-5 May 2023

CEAC participated in a panel entitled “Connectivity and Security: The Case of EU-Asia Relations”. The panel highlighted the unique and interdisciplinary research and collaboration by Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB) and the University of Duisburg-Essen (UDE) within the AREA Ruhr – Alliance for Research on East Asia Ruhr. It consisted of Ph.D. candidates from RUB and UDE and was moderated by Prof. Dr. Bersick.



SPEAC International Conference, Brussels

20 June 2022

Prof. Dr. Bersick and Mrs. Paulo participated in the International Conference Programme on Theory and Practices of Europe-Asia Connectivity. This conference was part of the research project “European-Asian Research Network on Strategies for Promoting Europe-Asia Connectivity (SPEAC)” co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme under a Jean Monnet Network.

Research Activities



Research Project: Research Security

October 2024

Prof. Dr. Bersick conducted field research in the U.S.A., visiting academic institutions in California and conducting interviews on the topic of research security with colleagues from Stanford University, University of San Francisco, the Wong Centre for the Study of Multinational Corporations, University of California San Diego, and University of California Los Angeles.



IAPP Asia Privacy Forum 2024

15-18 July 2024

Mrs. Mireia Paulo participated at the IAPP Asia Privacy Forum and the OECD PETs Working Group, where she is a member, in Singapore.



Charting the Future: High-Level Dialogue on Elevating EU-Asia Digital Connectivity

20 June 2024

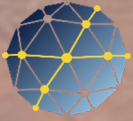
Mrs. Mireia Paulo participated in the webinar organised by the Europe-Asia Center.



L'Asie Centrale au Carrefour des Grandes Puissances

12 March 2024

Ms. Johanna Rust participated in the colloquium "L'Asie Centrale au Carrefour des Grandes Puissances" in Paris. The event was organised by the [Institut EGA in Paris](#) and co-funded by the Ministry of Armed Forces of France (DGRIS).



Research Activities

The 7th International Forum on Belt and Road Initiative and Global Governance

18-19 November 2023

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Bersick participated in the 7th International Forum on Belt and Road Initiative and Global Governance.

The event aimed at enhancing academic discussions, international cooperation, and collaboration in the realms of political science and international relations.



Research Activities



Embracing the Digital Revolution: Supply Chain 4.0

7-8 March 2024

Mrs. Mireia Paulo spoke at the IV International TUCOMEX Congress in Valencia, Spain. An event targeting public-private partnership and businesses.



CEAC Members Participate at CERFA Symposium 2023

22-24 September 2023

Mrs. Mireia Paulo moderated a panel of social science researchers at the 10th Anniversary of CERFA Symposium at the Spanish Embassy in Berlin, Germany. The event aimed to enhance German and Spanish scientific collaborations.

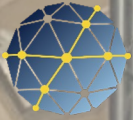


AESCON3 Shaping Asia-Europe Pathways for Human-centric and Resilient Digital Connectivity

14-15 June 2023

Mrs. Mireia Paulo participated at the AESCON3.

The international event was organised by the European External Action Service (EEAS), the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), the Sejong Institute, and the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS).



The 17th China Goes Global Conference

11-13 July 2023

Prof. Dr. Bersick participated in the 17th China Goes Global conference in Bologna, co-organised by the University of Macerata.

Prof. Dr. Bersick presented a book chapter entitled "*Chinese Involvement in North European Seaports: The Cases of Belgium and Germany*" published with Routledge.



Research Activities



2023 China-Europe Track II Digital Dialogue Plan

24 March 2023

Mrs. Mireia Paulo spoke at the China-Europe Digital Dialogue Plan organised by the Cyber Security Association of China and the European Union Chamber of Commerce.



What are the challenges and opportunities for the Unified Korea?

19 December 2022

Mrs. Mireia Paulo was invited to the panel discussion at the international seminar organised by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea Bonn Office in cooperation with Korean Institute for National Unification (KINU).



7th AIEE Energy Symposium

14-16 December 2022

Ms. Johanna Rust participated at the 7th AIEE Energy Symposium on “Current and Future Challenges to Energy Security.”



The Third USPIR Dean’s Forum on Global Security and Development

10 November 2022

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Bersick participated at the Forum organised by the School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University, China.

Research Activities



DMA & DSA: Opportunities and Challenges for EU-China Relations

19 October 2022

Mrs. Mireia Paulo spoke in webinar Paulo spoke in a webinar organised by the Europe-Asia Centre (EAC). A high-level dialogue with Ambassador (ret.) Piet Steel, Chairman of EAC, EU MEP and lead rapporteur Dr. Andreas Schwab and Dr. Wang Huiyao, President of China Center for Globalization, Mr Hallensleben.

Doctoral Workshop Organised by AREA Ruhr

17 October 2022

Mr. Li Yuqiao delivered a talk on "EU and China's Foreign Policy Making: High Technology and National Role" at the Doctoral Workshop with Prof. Chi-yu Shih, organised by AREA Ruhr.



EU's Strategic Autonomy in the Era of Global Internet Governance

28 August 2022

Mrs. Mireia Paulo spoke in a webinar organised by the Europe-Asia Centre (EAC). A high-level dialogue with Ambassador (ret.) Piet Steel, Chairman of Europe-Asia Centre, Belgium, and H.E. Violeta Bulc, European Commissioner for Transport and Mobility (2014 – 2019), Deputy Prime-Minister of Slovenia.

Foreign Policy Analysis Conference 2022

1 July 2022

Ms. Diana Schnelle participated in the Foreign Policy Analysis Conference 2022 "Enabling and Exploiting the Benefits of Interdisciplinary Collaboration" organised by the School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh.

The EU-Chinese FDI Workshop

20 September 2022

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Bersick participated at the "EU-Ports & Chinese FDI Workshop" organised by Birkbeck College, London.

Workshop Linking Climate Change, Digitalisation and Sustainability

6 May 2022

Mrs. Mireia Paulo delivered a talk on China's data governance at the Workshop "Linking Climate Change, Digitalisation and Sustainability: Turning Foresights into Action in Times of of Crisis". The workshop took place at the World Trade Institute (WTI) in the University of Bern.



27 June 2022. Ms. Johanna Rust participated in the Central Asia Law Forum 2022 organised by the Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT).

The conference was dedicated to discussing the contemporary dynamism of law.

Research Activities

Ms. Johanna Rust participates in the Central Asia Law Forum 2022



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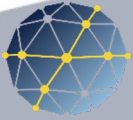
Publications

CEAC facilitates academic publications on conceptualising and analysing connectivity-related issues.

Publications aim at disseminating insight expertise on areas of EU studies and EU-Asia relations in a globalised and yet increasingly fragmented world economy.

Publications take the form of policy briefs, journal articles, edited volumes, and monographs.





The CEAC-CHERN research group aims to consolidate the findings and reflections from the workshop *“EU Responses to Chinese Investments in European Strategic Sectors”* held on 11-12 April 2024, at RUB, jointly organised by the China Europe Research Network (CHERN), COST Action, and the CEAC.

The publication provides a comprehensive analysis of the EU’s strategic responses to China’s growing influence in sensitive sectors.

Publication: CEAC-CHERN Workshop

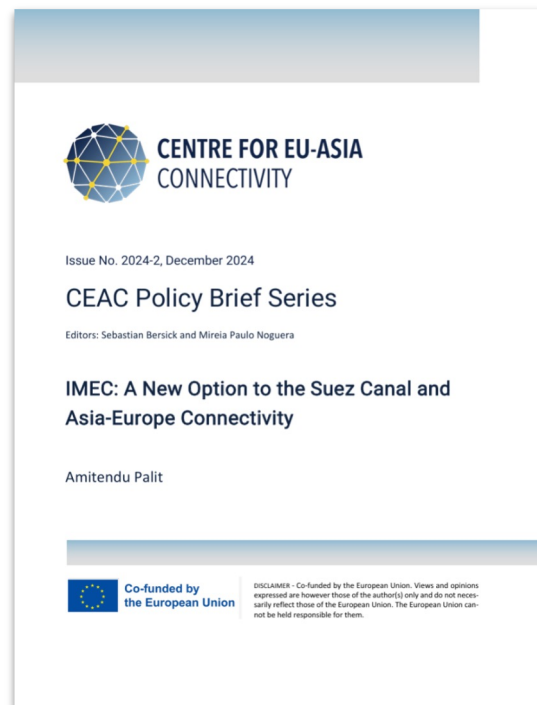



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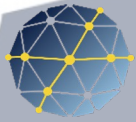
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CEAC recognises the exceptional achievements and academic excellence of graduate students who have demonstrated remarkable research capabilities in their M.A. theses.

The award aims to stimulate and encourage new research work in social sciences by early-career researchers that also contributes to examine the dynamics of EU-Asia relations and advance the understanding of EU-Asia connectivity, with a special focus on Europe, East Asia, and Indo-Pacific.

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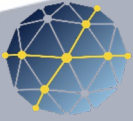
The Centre for EU-Asia Connectivity (CEAC) is the first Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB).

CEAC is designed to promote excellence in teaching and research in the field of the European Union and EU-Asian relations.

CEAC teaching activities build on the work already started during the time of a [first Jean Monnet Chair \(2016-2019\)](#) and a [second one \(2020-2023\)](#) awarded to Prof. Dr. Sebastian Bersick.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

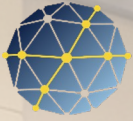


The CEAC offers dynamic and diverse study experiences that provide students with the space to research, develop, and thrive in their vibrant urban environments.

Teaching

Building on the extraordinary breadth of academic disciplines, CEAC and its network enables students to study and research current and future developments in EU-Asia affairs and their economic, political, and security dimensions.





The CEAC promotes excellence in teaching and research in the field of **European Union studies and EU-Asia relations**, for B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. level students.

The curricular introduces EU studies at the Faculty of East Asian Studies and Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB).

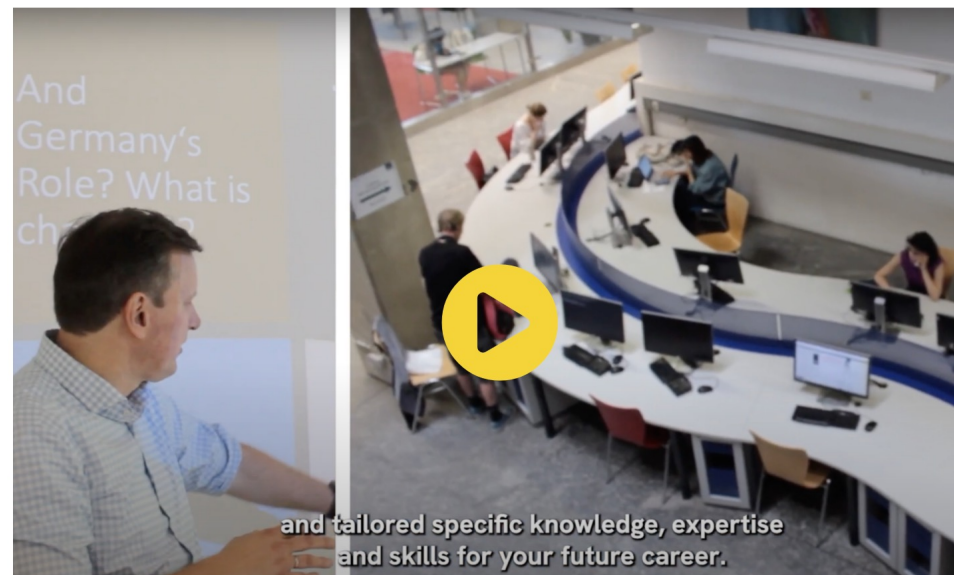
The courses are also offered to students enrolled in the [AREA Ruhr](#). On-line courses are also offered at the European University Alliance [University of Post-Industrial Cities \(UNIC\)](#).

▶ B.A. Wirtschaft und Politik Ostasiens (WPOA)

▶ M.A. International Political Economy of East Asia (IPEEA)



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The European Union's Relations with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

The European Union and East Asia

New China-EU Security Relations

China's Legal System: Implications to the European Union and East Asia



New Courses and Seminars

New: The International Politics and Economics of EU-Asia Connectivity

Taught by Prof. Dr. Sebastian Bersick deals with new dimensions of EU studies such as the EU Asia connectivity strategy, China's role in it, and the evolving "European Way".

New: The EU's Role in Digital Connectivity in East Asia

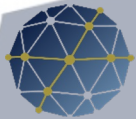
Taught by Mrs. Mireia Paulo, the e-learning B.A. seminar explores EU digital strategies, and policies focusing on critical areas such as data governance, artificial intelligence, disinformation and cybersecurity

New: Foreign energy and security policy of the European Union and the People's Republic of China

Taught by Ms. Johanna Rust, the seminar analyses the EU's and China's foreign energy security policies and takes a practical example on Central Asia and what role it plays for the EU's and PRC's energy security strategies. An overall aspect is the question on sustainability in the activities of the EU and China abroad, especially with regard to global climate change consequences and responsibilities to mitigate future risks.

New: Internet Governance and Security: The Role of the EU and East Asia

Taught by Mrs. Mireia Paulo at both B.A. and M.A. levels. This seminar has been offered at OAW (RUB), the University of Göttingen, as well as AREA Ruhr and UNIC students.



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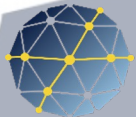


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The CEAC builds and enhances partnerships and networks by leveraging collaborations with academia to support initiatives like student exchange programmes.

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Student Exchange Programme

The disciplinary, institutional, and international diversity of CEAC and its network complements the Centre's actions, such as student exchange programmes.

The CEAC is located at the Faculty of East Asian Studies (RUB), where student exchange programmes are also promoted with other partner universities in Asia.

Exchange Programmes of the Faculty of East Asian Studies

RUB Exchange Programmes





Fudan University

Every year students from the Faculty of East Asian Studies (OAW), Ruhr-Universität Bochum, have the opportunity to study abroad for one or two semesters and to be part of the prestigious student exchange programme at the [School of International Relations and Public Affairs \(SIRPA\)](#) at [Fudan University in Shanghai, China](#).

The existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), renewed for 2023–2028, supports this student exchange programme.



FUDAN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

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Youth Innovation Competition on Global Governance (YICGG)



Prof. Dr. Bersick spoke in several YICGG editions. Since 2018, the Faculty of East Asian Studies (OAW) has maintained an official partnership with SIRPA, Fudan University, Shanghai. This collaboration aims to enhance institutional exchange and expand opportunities for students interested in intercultural engagement such as YICGG.

Mrs. Mireia Paulo was invited as a judge to contribute to the 2023 YICGG *"Biodiversity Breeds Prosperity"* in Dali City, China.



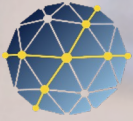
'Youth Innovation Competition on Global Governance' (YICGG) was launched in 2007 by Fudan University, sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in China, Shanghai Rong Chang Public Welfare Foundation and organised by the School of International Relations and Public Affairs (SIRPA) at Fudan University.



22-27 July 2024, master's students from the M.A. International Political Economy of East Asia (IPEEA) programme at RUB participated in the YICGG2024 themed *"Society with AI: Humanity and Sustainability"* in Budapest, Hungary.



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Within its network, CEAC also engages with members of Area Ruhr, the European University of Post-Industrial Cities (UNIC), and the World University Network (WUN).

Through UNIC, RUB students can participate in exchange programmes in universities from Bilbao, Cork, Istanbul, Liège, Oulu, Rotterdam and Zagreb.

Through the Area Ruhr network, students from RUB's Faculty of East Asian Studies have the opportunity to take classes at the Institute of East Asian Studies at the University of Duisburg-Essen (IN-EAST/UDE) and vice versa.

Similarly, professors and lecturers can offer their courses and seminars to students in those networks.



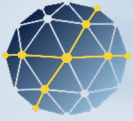
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Contemporary Issues of East Asia 2: International Relations on the Korean Peninsula	Module	Chang	6	IN-EAST, Duisburg
Contemporary Issues of East Asia 3: Natural Economic Experiments – Lessons from Japan	Module	Wrona	6	IN-EAST, Duisburg
Issues of East Asia 1: Doing Social Scientific Research at MA Level – Using Examples in the East Asian Contexts (for MA students in their 2nd year)	Module	Kim	6	IN-EAST, Duisburg
East Asian innovation and Visions of the Future in the 20th and 21st Centuries	Seminar	Moll-Murata, Taube, Hino	4	OAW, Bochum; IN-EAST, Duisburg
Recent EU-China Security Relations	Seminar	Bersick	4,5	OAW, Bochum
Internet Governance and Security: The Role of the EU and East Asia	Seminar	Paulo	4,5	OAW, Bochum
Current Issues of China's Politics and Economics	Seminar	Gottwald	4,5	OAW, Bochum
Political Economy of Innovation in Japan	Seminar	Doege	4,5	OAW, Bochum
Current Political and Economic Developments in China: Analyzing Chinese Media	Seminar	Paulo, Li	4,5	OAW, Bochum
South Korea and Regional/International Institutions	Seminar	Pölking	4,5	OAW, Bochum
Computer-Assisted Philology of Buddhist Texts: The Reception of Silla Texts in Chinese Buddhism	Seminar	Plassen	4,5	OAW, Bochum

Open MA courses offered previously

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In the context of UA Ruhr ([University Alliance Ruhr](#)), students from the Faculty of East Asian Studies at Bochum University (OAW/RUB) have the opportunity to take classes at the Institute of East Asian Studies at the University of Duisburg-Essen (IN-EAST/UDE) and vice versa without paying additional fees.



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Turbulence and Transport in Fusion Plasmas	4		Ruhr University Bochum	Master	Open Online Courses	+
Advanced atomistic simulation methods	6		Ruhr University Bochum	Master	Open Online Courses	+
Computational Neuroscience: Neural dynamics	6		Ruhr University Bochum	Master	Open Online Courses	+
Theory of Drama			Ruhr University Bochum	Integrated master	Open Online Courses	+



15 July 2024

CEAC welcomed students and faculty members from Tongji University's School of Political Science and International Relations and the Faculty of East Asian Studies, for a full day of career-oriented activities including a visit to the WorldFactory Start-up Center.

Prof. Dr. Bersick presented CEAC's work and Prof. Dr. Gottwald introduced the M.A. Study Programme in International Political Economy of East Asia (IPEEA). Prof. Zhang, Tongji University, elaborated on Tongji's study programmes in political science and IR.

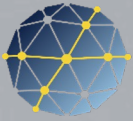
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Network

In both teaching and research, CEAC cooperates with universities, research institutes, businesses, civil-society organisations, and public bodies.

The Centre established local, national, and international cooperation enabling researchers and students from Europe, Asia, and beyond, to work together on issues of global relevance.

CEAC functions as a hub for students and researchers, where activities are conducted and implemented in collaboration with partners and within the Centre's network, such as researchers' mobility, research projects, as well as student exchange and internship programmes.

NETWORKS

PARTNERSHIPS



Networks



AREA Ruhr, part of the University Alliance Ruhr, is a leading research and teaching hub for East Asian Studies in Europe, offering collaborative research, teaching, and course opportunities across its three partner universities - the University of Duisburg-Essen, **the Ruhr-University of Bochum (RUB)**, and the TU Dortmund University.



RUB is part of **UNIC – European University of Post-Industrial Cities**, an association of ten universities dedicated to promoting student mobility and social integration. UNIC includes universities from Bilbao, Cork, Istanbul, Liège, Oulu, Rotterdam and Zagreb. By creating a European university, the aim is to increase exchange and cooperation in teaching, research and transfer.



RUB is a member of **A European-Asian Research Network on Strategies for Promoting Europe-Asia Connectivity (SPEAC)**, composed of six higher education institutions in Europe and Asia, and awarded the EU Erasmus+ Programme Jean Monnet Actions in 2019. The two research members from RUB are Prof. Dr. Bersick as principal investigator and Mrs. Paulo as Researcher (Associate).



RUB is part of **The Worldwide Universities Network (WUN)**, a global higher education and research network of 25 universities across 6 continents. WUN supports collaborative research that addresses major global challenges, and provides opportunities for early-career researchers to broaden their professional networks and gain experience in an international context.



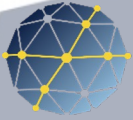
The CEAC's researchers joining Networks



July 2023. Mrs. Mireia Paulo and Mr. Matthias Stepan joined the European Guanxi's Board of Advisors, a non-profit organisation formed by passionate European students and professionals dedicated to enhancing China-Europe relations.



24 August 2023. Professor Sebastian Bersick has joined the Mr. & Mrs. S.H. Wong Center for the Study of Multinational Corporations - an independent California-based, non-profit think tank - as a Non-Resident Senior Research Fellow.



CEAC leverages the power of partnerships and valuable networks to advance academic research, while it enriches the educational experiences and career opportunities of students and researchers.

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Partnerships Timeline

28 November 2023. Partnership with Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT) (Uzbekistan) and Ilia State University (Georgia), aimed to enrich teaching, learning, research, discovery missions, and provide diverse collaborative opportunities for faculty and students.

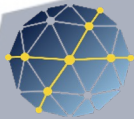
June 2023. Partnership with the China Centre, Department of Law, University of Macerata (Italy), which boasts a distinguished history in Chinese studies, was established through a Memorandum of Understanding. Recognising their shared strengths and objectives, UniMC and RUB have united to enhance the reach and influence of systematic analyses of China in Europe.

March 28, 2023. Partnership with the Europe - Asia Centre (EAC) - an independent non-profit organisation - offers new opportunities for the promotion of connectivity, knowledge dissemination, and people-to-people exchanges between Europe and Asia. Both CEAC and the Europe-Asia Center offer internship opportunities.

15 July 2023. Partnership with Fudan University's School of International Relations and Public Affairs (SIRPA) (China). The existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was renewed from 15 July 2023 to 14 July 2028, focusing on sustaining a student exchange programme for both undergraduate and graduate students.

4 April 2023. Partnership with Comenius Centre Educatiu - a higher education centre specialised in technical areas located in Valencia, Spain - aimed at creating traineeships (work placements, internships) opportunities for undergraduate students.





3-4 November 2022

DAAD organised the Erasmus+ Partnerships and Cooperation Projects Forum.

The event aimed to conduct a forum for participants to identify the right Erasmus+ funding line for their project.

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Erasmus+ Partnerships and Cooperation Projects Forum:

“How can Erasmus+ cooperation projects contribute to the internationalisation of my institution?”

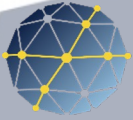
Mrs Mireia Paulo was invited to present CEAC’s Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence.

In addition, [Mr Randolph Galla](#) presented the international university consortium [UNIC – European University of Post-Industrial Cities](#) at RUB.

All the funding lines discussed: Cooperation Partnerships, Future-Oriented Projects, European Experimental Actions, Social Inclusion Projects, Erasmus Mundus Action, Innovation Alliances, Capacity Building Projects, Jean Monnet Actions.

The participants to this forum received information on concrete funding opportunities for Erasmus+ partnerships and cooperation projects.





28 November 2023

An agreement was signed between the Faculty of East Asian Studies, represented by Prof. Dr. Katja Schmidpott, and Dr. Akbar Ismanjanov, Head of Law Department, Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT), Uzbekistan.

For more information, please read the [RUB Press Release here \(in German\)](#).

Strengthening Partnerships with Central Asian Universities: Conference Outcomes



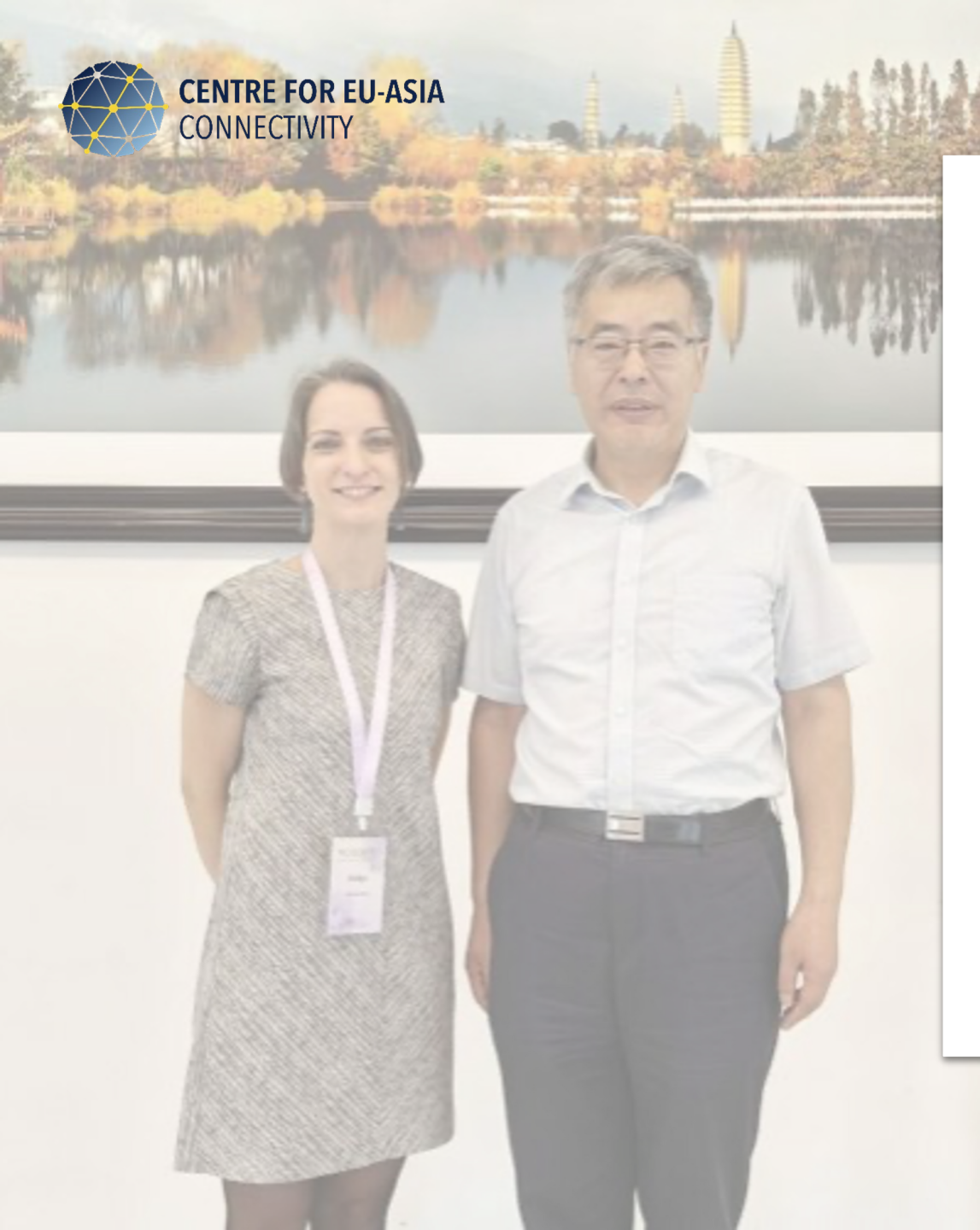
One notable agreement involves an academic exchange initiative between RUB and Westminster International University in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The memorandum of understanding, signed by Rector Prof. Dr. Martin Paul and Prof. Dr. Ikrom Rikhsiboev, Dean of the Graduate School at Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT).

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A framework agreement was formalised between RUB and Ilia State University in Tbilisi, Georgia, focusing on doctoral training collaborations. Rector Prof. Nino Doborjginidze endorsed this Memorandum of Understanding, marking a significant stride toward fostering academic synergy between the institutions.





Renewed Cooperation Between EAS & SIRPA Enhances Student Exchange Programme

15 July 2023. During the international competition YICGG2023 in China, Prof. Su Change, Dean of the School of International Relations and Public Affairs (SIRPA) at Fudan, and Mrs. Mireia Paulo, Head of Management at CEAC and as representative of the Faculty of East Asian Studies at RUB, met and renewed the initial Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) from 2018.

This renewed cooperative agreement reaffirms the commitment to fostering academic partnerships between the two institutions.



The University of Macerata

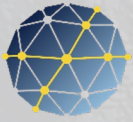


Prof. Francesca Spigarelli
Director of the China Center



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June 2023. The China Center, Department of Law, University of Macerata (UniMC), Italy, represented by its Rector, Prof. John Francis Mccourt, and CEAC at RUB represented by its Rector, Prof. Dr. Martin Paul, forged signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This collaboration aligns with the internationalisation strategies of both institutions and their commitment to academic excellence.



Comenius Centre Educatiu



4 April 2023. Prof. Dr. Sebastian Bersick, Director of CEAC, and Mr. Pau Romero, Managing Board Secretary, formalised the partnership between CEAC and The Comenius Centre Educatiu aimed at creating traineeships opportunities for undergraduate students.

CEAC provides internship opportunities for Comenius' students under the Erasmus+ programme, action "Learning mobility opportunities."



PARTNERSHIP VIDEO



TRAINEE TESTIMONIALS VIDEO



Europe Asia Centre (EAC)

28 March 2023. The European Asia Center (EAC) and CEAC announced their strategic partnership aimed at enhancing the connectivity and collaboration between Europe and Asia.

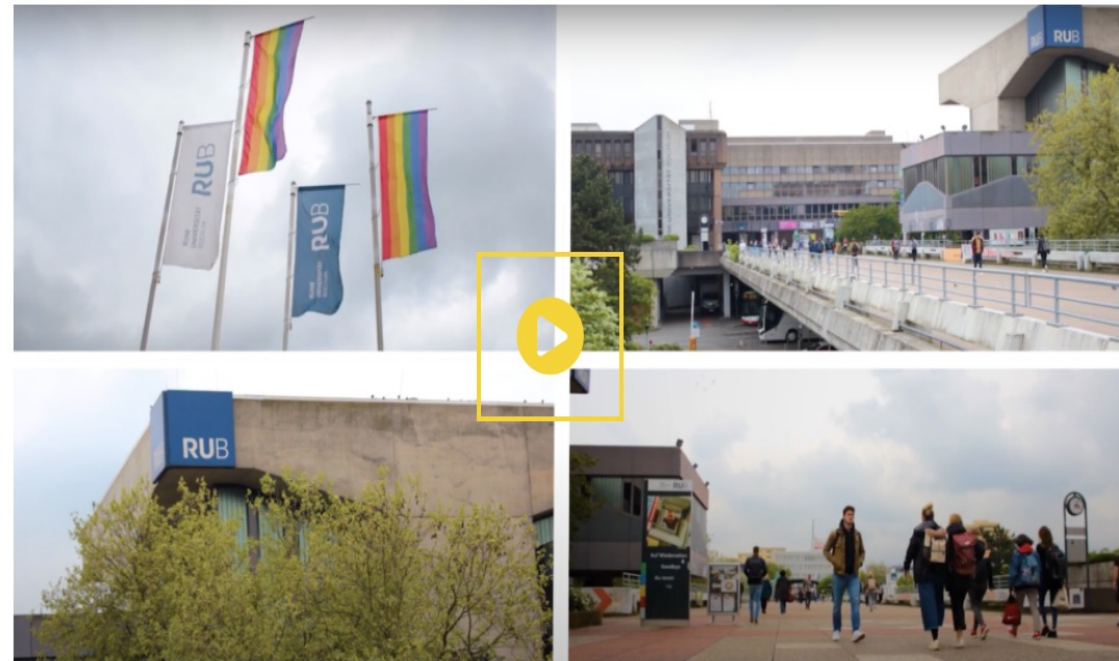
The goal is to stimulate and deepen academic debates on EU-Asia affairs and connectivity. Through a range of joint research projects and events. Both partners aim to contribute to academic research and policy-relevant knowledge application. The partnership is designed to intensify people-to-people exchanges and bring together relevant stakeholders from Europe and Asia.



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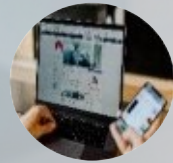
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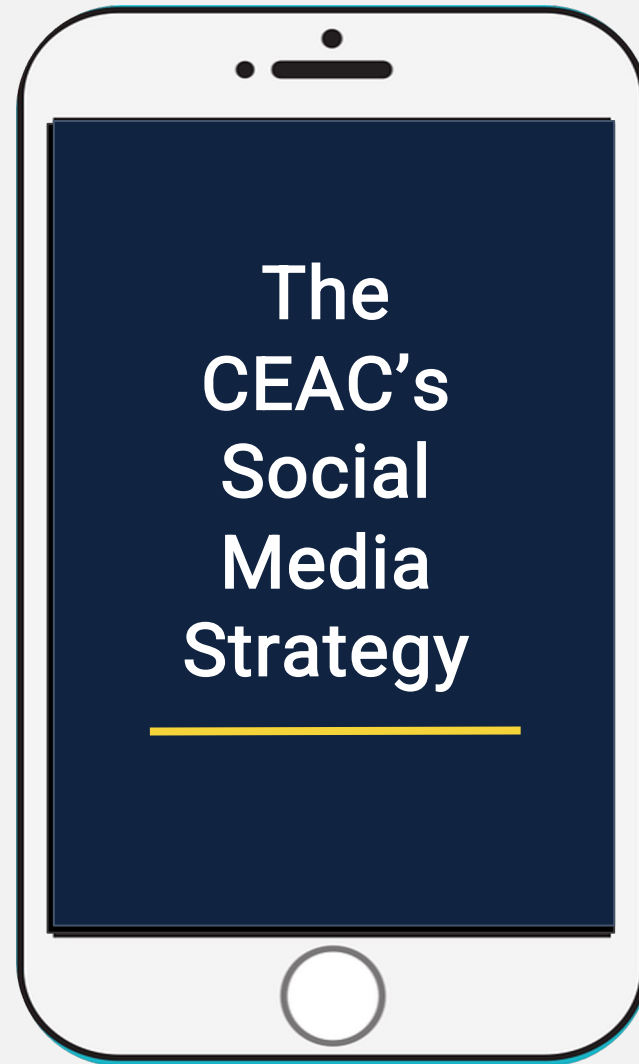
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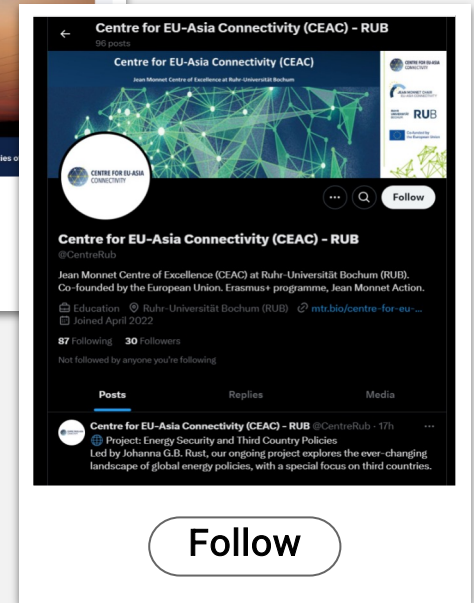
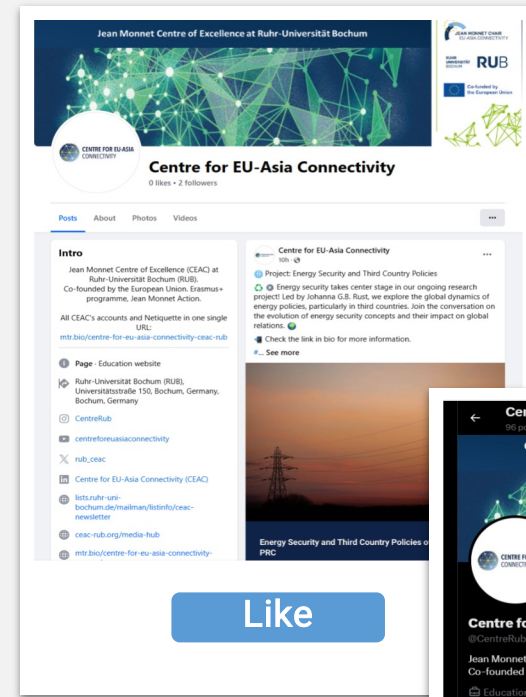
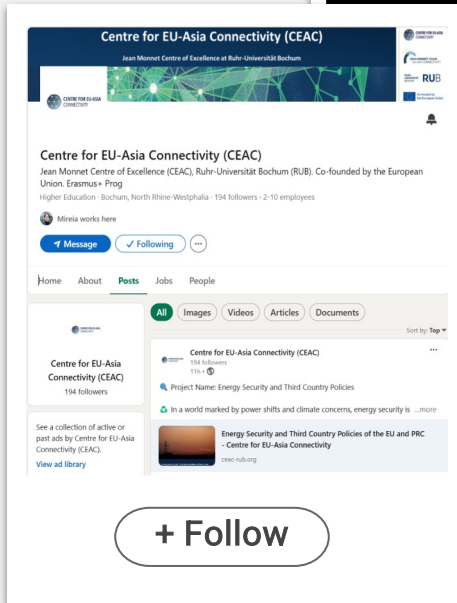
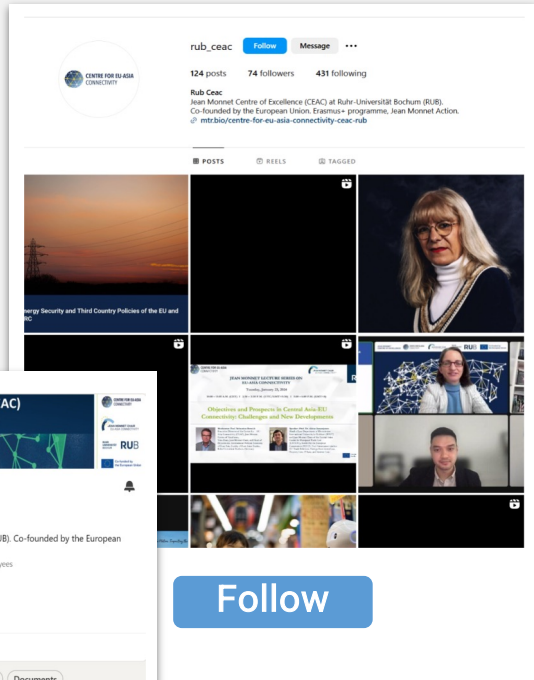
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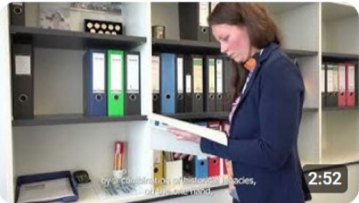

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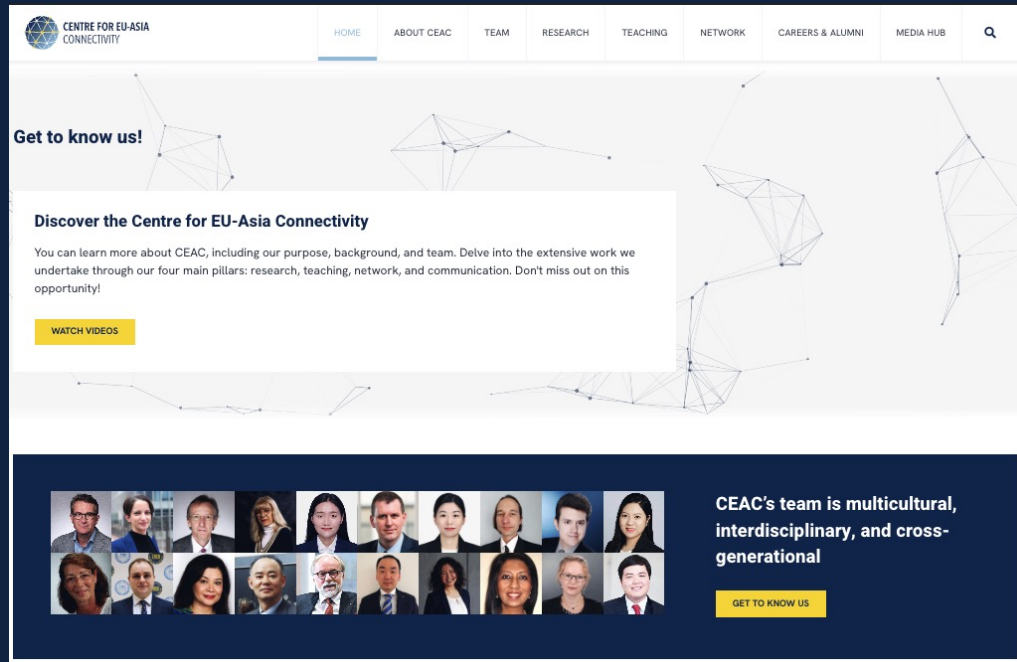
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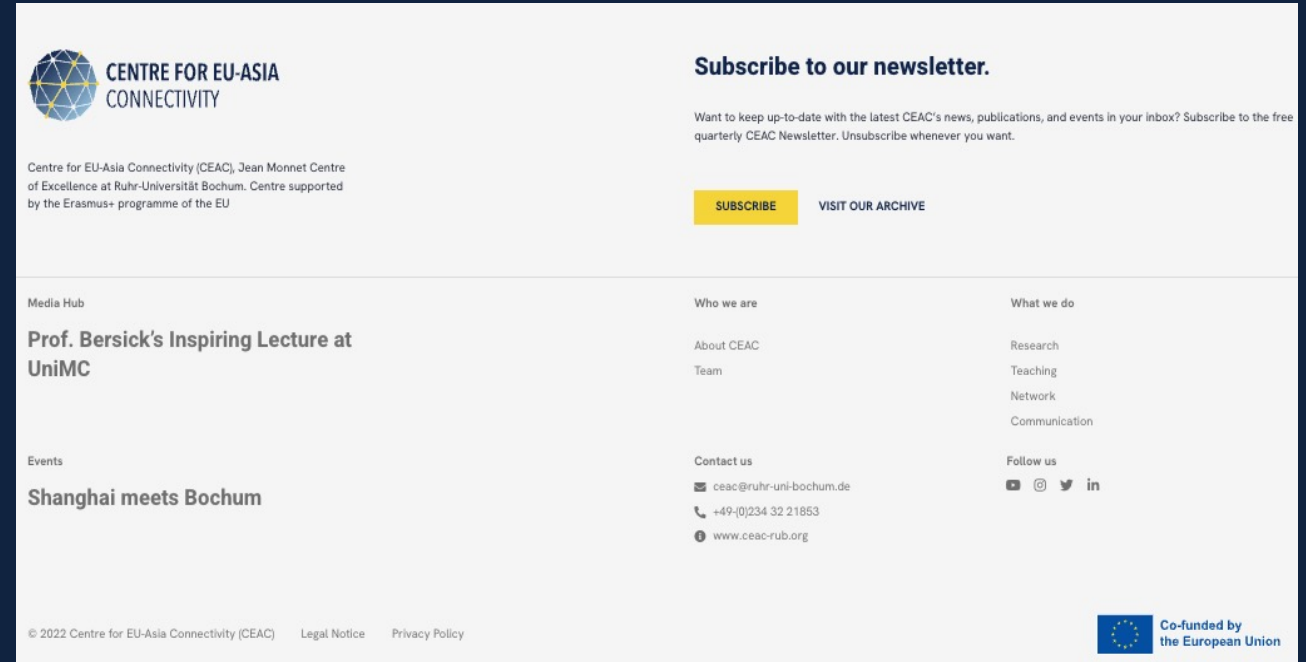
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Jean Monnet Lecture by Dr. Jovan Kurbalija

Dr. Jovan Kurbalija, Founding Director of DiploFoundation will deliver a talk on "Digital Geopolitics in the Asia-Europe Space: Issues, Actors, and Divides Description"

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24. January 2023

Conference: What are the challenges and opportunities for the Unified Korea?

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea Bonn Office organised an international seminar in cooperation with Korean Institute for National Unification (KINU).

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19. December 2022

7th AIEE Energy Symposium

Ms. Johanna Rust participated at the 7th AIEE Energy Symposium on "Current and Future Challenges to Energy Security"

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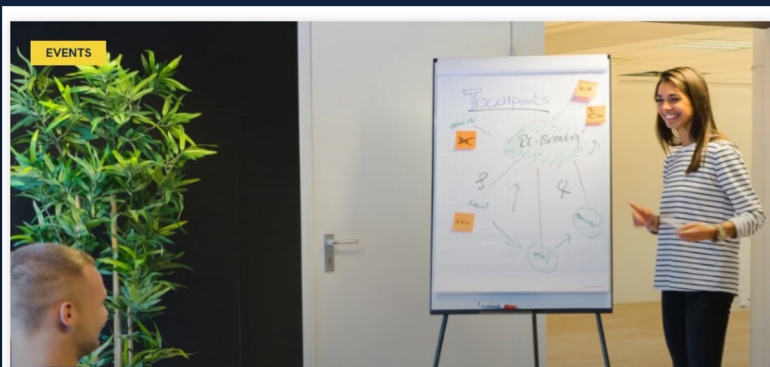
14. December 2022

CEAC Talents gather on campus for annual Alumni Reunion

CEAC alumni met in person at the Faculty of East Asian Studies for their first annual CEAC Alumni Reunion on Tuesday, 6 December.

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7. December 2022



Shanghai meets Bochum



Workshop: EU Responses to Chinese Investments in European Strategic Sectors

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Happy New Year from CEAC! We wish you and your loved ones a year of joy, health, and growth in 2024!

Don't miss the upcoming lecture by Prof. Dr. Akbar Ismanjanov

"Objectives and Prospects in Central Asia-EU Connectivity: Challenges and New Developments"

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

10:00 – 11:00 A.M. (CET) | 12:30 – 3:30 P.M. (GMT+5:30) | 5:00 – 6:00 P.M. (GMT+6)

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Objectives and Prospects in Central Asia-EU Connectivity: Challenges and New Developments

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Akbar Ismanjanov, Head of Law Department at Woblersater International University in Tashkent (WIU) and Jean Monnet Chair of the Central Asian Centre for European Trade Law (CACETL), funded by the European Commission 2022-2025. Prof. Ismanjanov teaches EU Trade Relations, Foreign Investment Law, Property Law, IP Law, and Internet Law. He also is a contributor to the Woblersater Encyclopedia of IP Law for Uzbekistan.

Moderation: Prof. Dr. Sebastian Bartsch, Executive Director of the Centre for EU-Asia Connectivity (CEAC), Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, Vice-Chair, Jean Monnet Chair, and Head of Department International Political Economy of East Asia, Faculty of East Asian Studies, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany.

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[Check out our publication.](#)

Watch previous Jean Monnet Lectures

Dr. Jovan Kurbalija, Founding Director of DiploFoundation and the Head of the Geneva Internet Platform on **"Digital Geopolitics in the Asia-Europe Space: Issues, Actors, and Divides"**

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Call for Papers to CHERN-CEAC workshop "EU Responses to Chinese Investments in European Strategic Sectors"

April 11-12, 2024

Location: Faculty of East Asian Studies
Ruhr-Universität Bochum (RUB)

The workshop will deal with recent and current developments in the area of Chinese foreign direct investments in European critical infrastructure. We have a particular interest in contributions to the following areas:

- (a) Chinese investments in European seaport infrastructure
- (b) Chinese investments in European 5G networks
- (c) Chinese investments in industrial infrastructure and
- (d) EU-level as well as member state-level policy reactions



Deadline for abstract submission:
February 2, 2024

Requirements:
Please submit your extended abstract (500-600 words) to ceac@ruhr-uni-bochum.de

Subject line: **"Abstract CHERN-CEAC Workshop SURNAME_Name_Date"**

Results: Based on the research, participants are invited to turn their findings into:

- a) A short paper (3-5 pages) that is to be published in the **Policy Brief Series of CEAC**
- b) A full paper to be included in a proposal for a special issue of the **Asia-Europe Journal**

Important note:

In order to submit your abstract, please ensure that you have become a member of CHERN (membership is free)

For additional details, refer to the section on **"how to join CHERN"** and explore information about **"CHERN WG1"**



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23. July 2024

2023 China-Europe Track II Digital Dialogue Plan

2023 China-Europe Track II Digital Dialogue Plan Mrs. Mireia Paulo, as CEAC Head of Management, was invited to participate in the 2023 China-Europe Track II

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24. March 2023

WUN welcomes new member Ruhr University Bochum

WUN welcomes new member Ruhr University Bochum We are delighted to announce that Ruhr University Bochum has joined the Worldwide Universities Network. Read more related

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Building the future of EU-Asia

Career development, internships, and alumni networks are essential components of any successful career path.

In addition to academic knowledge, practical experience is increasingly important.

CEAC, as a European-Asian hub, wishes to offer the opportunity to students to easily access information for internships and entry-level jobs.

Are you looking for internship opportunities in Europe and Asia? Have a look here!

The job market can be competitive, but that does not mean you will not get the internship you are looking for.

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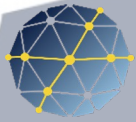
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Internship opportunities in Brussels

Europe-Asia Center (EAC) is looking for interns to support our research and events activities in the field of international relations and dialogue between Europe and Asia. The focus countries of our organisation include China, Japan, Vietnam, and India.

[Find out more!](#)





CEAC Talent Programme

Since February 2022, CEAC offers **traineeships** to support under- and graduate students:

- (1) Apply and expand skills acquire during the studies,
- (2) Acquire practical work experience,
- (3) Enhance international working environment and inter-cultural knowledge and practices,
- (4) Contribute to a research agenda dealing with EU-Asia relations and European studies,
- (5) Increase future career opportunities.

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CEAC's partnership with the Comenius Centre Educatiu also provides students with comprehensive internship experiences.



*“The internship at CEAC also played a **significant role in shaping my next career steps**. After my time at CEAC, I started a traineeship at the German Trade Office in Taipei. CEAC provided me with important skills.”*

Arne Moritz Meyer

*“The internship gives me the opportunity to elevate my soft skills by working in an **international environment** with colleagues from around the world, enhancing **teamwork** in group projects, as well as embracing **autonomy and self-organisation** when carrying out individual research activities.”*

Anastasiya Hunda

*“...I especially appreciated how closely the researchers collaborated with the team of interns and their genuine commitment to our **personal and career development**.”*

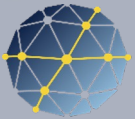
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6 December 2022. CEAC held its first annual Alumni Reunion at RUB.

Students shared experiences, explored learning opportunities, and discussed career paths.

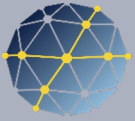
Mrs. Mireia Paulo, Head of the Talent Programme, welcomed attendees, followed by an opening speech from Prof. Dr. Sebastian Bersick.

CEAC Talent Alumni Reunion



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CEAC Alumni Network

The CEAC Alumni Network's (CAN) purpose is to bring together current, B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. students from RUB Faculty of East Asian Studies, as well as CEAC talent programme students, to enable interactions between professionals and students.

CAN aims to become a hub, where young professionals, find sources of information and contacts, and can make use of the opportunity to meet and exchange information with established professionals. With this aim, several events are organised during the academic year bringing together alumni and current students.





Team

CEAC's researchers convey their complementary, interdisciplinary, and multicultural expertise into the scientific work, impact, and implementation.

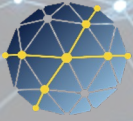
With this aim, CEAC's team consists of Asian and European researchers coming from different academic disciplines and career stages. In addition, to an Academic Advisory Board, which comprises six distinguished senior scholars.

CEAC's team is interdisciplinary, multicultural, and cross-generational.



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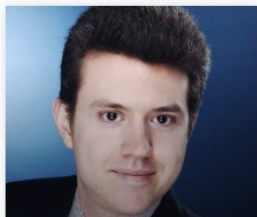
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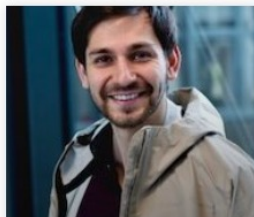
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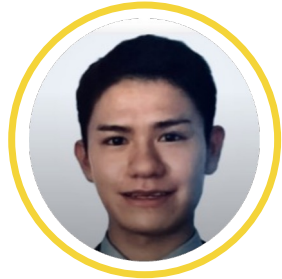
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