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*Promoting Convergence and Investments
in EU-Asian Financial Markets*

PROGRAMME

25-27 May 2016, The Westin Beijing Financial Street

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Objective:

Following the success of two previous editions in **Singapore** (2014) and **Hong Kong** (2015), the 2016 Symposium on EU-Asia Relations in Financial Services will take place in **Beijing**, 25-27 May. China holds the G20 Presidency this year and celebrated the 40th anniversary of the EU-China partnership last year. The symposium provides a unique opportunity for global, European and Asian policy-makers, leading academics and industry executives to meet and discuss issues affecting the functioning of EU-Asian trade, investment, and financial services.

The cornerstone of the annual event is an informed and open exchange of ideas among decision-makers in small group discussions and plenary sessions, as well as during networking events. It offers many opportunities for interactive and frank dialogue, which is conducted under the Chatham House Rule. Discussions are then summarised and presented on the final day of the Symposium and debated in a plenary session.

Programme format:

A three-day high-level symposium closed to the media with a cocktail and dinner networking events, small group sessions, panel discussions and keynote speeches in plenaries.

Delegate profile:

This event open to around 100 participants (high-level regulators, policy makers, academics and sell-side and buy-side firm representatives). Detailed information about the registration conditions [here](#).

Venue:

The Westin Beijing Financial Street
Address: 9B, Financial Street, Xicheng District, Beijing, China



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WEDNESDAY 25th MAY 2016 (DAY 1)

Welcome Cocktail

Venue: The Westin Beijing Financial Street (Treasury III, Level 2)

17:30-17:45 Participants Check-in

17:45 Event Starts

18:00-18:15 Welcome Speeches

18:15-19:00 Keynotes

(18:15-18:40) *Hans-Dietmar Schweisgut, Ambassador of the European Union to China*

(18:40-19:00) TBC

19:00-20:00 Cocktail and Networking



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THURSDAY 26th MAY 2016 (DAY 2) Discussions and Dinner

Venue: The Westin Beijing Financial Street (Treasury III, Level 2)

09:00-09:05 Introduction of Keynote Speakers

09:05-09:45 Keynotes

(09:05-09:25) **Andrea Enria**, Chairperson, European Banking Authority

(09:25-09:45) TBC

09:45-10:45 Session 1: Fundamental Review of the Trading Book (FRTB): What Implications for Banks' Business Models?

The financial crisis raised questions as to the level of capital required against banks' trading book exposures. In line with the G20 leaders' commitments, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) proposals on FRTB aim at readdressing the allocation of regulatory capital between the banking and trading books by introducing "presumptive lists", and making banks properly account for the market risk of their trading activities on a desk-by-desk basis. The FRTB proposal marks a shift from the use of the value-at-risk (VAR) to expected shortfall (ES) in the banks' internal models, so as to better capture tail risks. It also introduces extended "liquidity horizons" for each risk factor category and prescribes recalibrated risk weights for the buckets in each asset class. Investment banks argue that these measures will most likely cause capital increases in several business lines, such as high-yield corporate and sovereign debt, small-cap equities, securitized products as well as commodities and foreign exchange hedges, with broad implications for market liquidity.

Are these measures sufficient to ensure the resilience of banks to volatile market conditions? Will these measures force banks to engage less in principal trading activities due to increasing costs? Are these costs going to be transferred to issuers and/or end investors? Is market liquidity going to be impacted, and in which ways? Will the competitiveness of global banks be affected?

Speakers:

- **Steve Wang**, Managing Director, Bank of China International
- **Toshio Tsuiki**, Head of International Division, Financial System and Bank Examination Department, Bank of Japan (BOJ)
- **Andrea Enria**, Chairperson, European Banking Authority
- **Geng Xiao**, Professor of Practice in Finance and Public Policy, School of Business and Faculty of Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong

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10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-11:30 Presentation of the *Policy Report on Improving the Investor Base for Local Currency Bond Markets in China, India and Indonesia* commissioned by GIZ to the Centre for European Policy Studies, with contributions from the Research Bureau of the People's Bank of China, the Observer Research Foundation in India, and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia

by *Diego Valiante, Head of Financial Markets and Institutions, CEPS*

11:30-12:30 Session 2: Corporate Bonds in Asia: Steps Towards an Integrated Regional Market? (Topic 1)

Since 2008, corporate bonds markets have grown rapidly, though unevenly, across Asia. Increasing demand from foreign investors in 'search for yield', as well as a number of regulatory initiatives at national and regional level, have fuelled corporate issuance. Asia's corporate bond markets are highly fragmented and bond transactions are very limited because of capital and currency controls, as well as regulatory impediments and lack of infrastructure. Following up on the case studies for China, India and Indonesia, as well as the general findings from the poster presentation, the panel discussion will also discuss developments in the EU. The EU is also looking at the balance of equity vs debt issuance, how cross-border debt corporate financing could be improved and opened to a wider set of companies.

Can harmonisation of common standards or mutual recognition of issuing procedures, settlement process, listing and disclosure, documentation, secondary market practices, among others, be a game changer? Which reforms are mostly needed for the corporate bonds to become a viable non-bank funding source? Which incentives would result in broadening the investor base? How to make secondary markets more liquid, transparent and interconnected? Which concrete initiatives have been taken towards deepening integration in the region, e.g. mutual recognition of prospectus requirements? What can be learned from EU and US experience in their efforts to stimulate and integrate corporate bond markets?

Speakers:

- *Pierre Van Peteghem, Group Treasurer, Asian Development Bank*

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12:30-13:00 Small Group Sessions on Topic 1

Participants will be divided into small groups in order to discuss Topic 1 in greater detail. Within each group, two Discussion Leaders will moderate and ensure that the key views on the topic are explored and that answers to specific questions are provided; one Reporter will keep record, and will then convey this back to the Reporters' meeting.

*Moderated by **Lorenzo Bencivelli**, Financial Attaché, Embassy of Italy to the People's Republic of China, Bank of Italy representative*

13:00-14:00 Buffet Lunch

14:00-15:00 Session 3: The FinTech revolution: how will it reshape finance? (Topic 2)

Innovative financial technologies are changing the way we look at financial markets. Blockchain technologies, robot advisory services, algorithms-based portfolio management, mobile banking and many other tools are re-shaping the whole financial industry (banking, investment and insurance) and claim to produce disruptive effects in market structure. Data analytics (e.g. risk management), IT security and infrastructure for capital market transaction, bank credit and corporate financial information, personal financial management are only some of the areas where new communication and information technologies are only some of the areas affected by this revolution.

How are financial technologies developing in Europe and Asia? What role can fintech play for financial inclusion? Are they capable to deliver disruptive changes in the plumbing of the financial system? Are current financial institutions able to take on the challenge or will newcomers enter the market and quickly gain market share? Who are the main competitors of traditional financial institutions and how the latter will change their business model to cope with this new influx of competitive pressures? Are European and Asian regulators and supervisors following properly this phenomenon? What are the major challenges in supervising these new tools and market players?

Speakers:

- **Benedict Nolens**, Senior Director & Head of Risk and Strategy, Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission
- **Ben Shenglin**, Executive Director, International Monetary Institute & Founding Dean, Academy of Internet Finance, Zhejiang University
- **Alex Lin**, Head of Infocomm Investments Pte Ltd, subsidiary of Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore

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15:00-15:45 Small Group Sessions on Topic 2

Participants will be divided into small groups in order to discuss Topic 2 in greater detail. Within each group, two Discussion Leaders will moderate and ensure that the key views on the topic are explored and that answers to specific questions are provided; one Rapporteur will keep record, and will then convey this back to the Reporters' meeting.

15:45-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:00 Session 4: Modern Payments for the 21st Century - how will the landscape look like?

The payment infrastructure is critical to the functioning of the economy. Payments ecosystems are inherently complex, with numerous market players, such as operators of national payment infrastructures, cards schemes, banks and non-banks, B2B and P2P payments providers, processors and merchant acquirers, payment gateways and terminals etc. Market, regulatory and technological/digital forces are currently transforming the payments landscape. In the recent years, a growing number of fintech companies and non-bank payment providers with alternative business models have emerged. The incumbents have now strategic choices to make: to compete and/or collaborate. Moreover, payment data analytics is presenting significant opportunities to enhance the value proposition and explore multiple revenue streams.

In the EU there is now in place a new regulatory framework for payments: capping the fees for credit and debit card payments - similar to Australia. In addition, the revised Payment Services Directive (PSD2) widens the scope of the PSD by covering new services and players, enabling their access to payment accounts. Japan, Korea and other Asian jurisdictions have also developed their own regulatory frameworks for non-bank payments. How will the established payment infrastructure networks going to react to the rise of new payment solutions (mobile, contactless, instant payments, blockchain) and market trends (consumer/retail vs wholesale/corporate)? How should policy makers balance competition against the integrity of the payment system? Should any policy response be regional or global?

Speakers:

- **Dong Yun**, Deputy General Secretary of Payment and Settlement Research Center, Financial Institute of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
- **Nellie C. Dagdag**, Managing Director, Global Industry Relations, DTCC
- **Helmut Wacket**, Head Market Integration Division, DG Market Infrastructure and Payments, European Central Bank
- **Esmond Lee**, Executive Director, Financial Infrastructure, Hong Kong Monetary Authority

Moderated by: **Dora Neo**, Director, Center for Banking & Finance Law, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

17:00-18:00 Rapporteurs Meeting (Discussion Leaders and Rapporteurs only)

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19:00 **Cocktail Starts**

19:00-19:30 **Keynotes**

(19:00-19:15) TBC

(19:15-19:30) Jonathan Taylor, Vice-president, European Investment Bank

19:30-19:45 **Interview - Jing Ulrich, Managing Director and Vice Chairman, Asia Pacific, JPMorgan Chase (by Mark Austen, CEO, ASIFMA)**

20:00-21:30 **Dinner**



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FRIDAY 27TH MAY 2016 (DAY 3) Discussions and Lunch

Venue: The Westin Beijing Financial Street (Treasury III, Level 2)

08:45–09:00 Presentations & Discussion of the Main Findings of the Break-out Session
Discussions on Topic 1 and Topic 2

09:00–09:30 Keynotes

(09:00–09:15) **Benjamin Angel**, Director, Directorate Treasury and Financial Operations, DG ECFIN, European Commission

(09:15–09:30) TBC

09:30–10:45 Session 5: Volatility in Asia's Stock Markets: Opportunity or Symptom of an Uncured Illness?

Asia's stock markets have been an important source of funding for corporates and their potential in terms of greater capacity and liquidity is still strong, despite last year's turbulence in China. Recent volatility in China's stock market and their ripple effects in the region have raised many questions about how sustainable is its current market structure and what needs to be done. Is there room for improvement in areas such as securities regulation, corporate governance, products and market infrastructure?

What can the State do to improve diversification in the financial system and reduce uncertainty about the sustainability of its path? What is really driving price volatility in stock markets? What can Asia learn from Europe about free movement of capital and regulation of markets? Is the pricing based on idiosyncratic factors rather than economic and corporate fundamentals? Should governments intervene during times of extreme volatility, and how? Once in place, how quickly can exceptional measures be lifted? Should further integration of equity markets across Asian countries be actively pursued at this stage?

Speakers:

- **Tae Yoo**, Managing Director, Head of Client Business Development & FIC Development, Global Markets Division, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing
- **Alexander den Ruijter**, Senior Risk Officer, European Stability Mechanism
- **Wang Jianguyu**, Fellow at the Centre for Banking & Finance Law and Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore
- **Daniel Gros**, Director, Centre for European Policy Studies
- **Harry Hao Fu**, Director of Global Business Department, Shanghai Stock Exchange

10:45–11:30 Coffee Break

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11:30-12:45 Session 6: Shadow banking and asset management in Asia: which way forward?

Addressing the risks in the shadow banking system remains one of the core elements on the G20 agenda. Being outside the formal banking sector is associated with a weak safety net, such as guaranteed deposit insurance schemes or central bank liquidity/lender of last resort facilities. While the size of the shadow banking sector in Asia is smaller than in the US or Europe, it is growing at a very quick pace as it relies on a very simple business model. The activities of the non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) in Asia are predominantly domestic and involve the offer of financial services to individuals and firms that may lack access to “traditional” sources of finance or simply look for more rewarding investment opportunities. Local and foreign asset managers are often direct competitors. The industry (particularly in Asia) is expected to compete directly with traditional banking activities, as a growing segment of medium-high net worth individuals, as well as new pools of insurance and retirement assets under management, are increasingly using these services. At EU level, a number of initiatives were taken in order to monitor and address the risks inherent to the activities carried outside the formal banking sector, such as transparency requirements.

What is the nature of ‘shadow banking’ in Asia and how does it differ from Europe? Is ‘shadow banking’ the correct terminology to describe the phenomenon? How does it relate to the formal banking sector? Does it pose a serious threat to financial stability in the short or long-term? Should regulators increase their oversight and, most importantly, how? Are Asian and European asset managers delivering better investment opportunities via shadow banking tools?

Speakers:

- **Shunsuke Shirakawa**, Deputy Commissioner for International Affairs, Financial Services Agency of Japan
- **Thibault Heuzé**, Financial Counsellor, Delegation of the European Union to China
- **Peter Kruschel**, Director of Banking Supervision, The German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority
- **Michael Taylor**, Managing Director, Chief Credit Officer Asia Pacific, Moody's

12:45 - 13:00 Closing Remarks

13:00 - 14:00 Closing Buffet Lunch