

Invitation for an ESPI-CNSA Evening Event
On

**China Engages:
Opportunities and Prospects for the
International Space Community**



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About This Evening Event

The recent decade has seen China emerging as a leading space nation. As its ambitious space programme advances so will its influence on many new developments, technological and legal, and the impact of its policy posture vis-à-vis the international space community.

One of the most striking features in this respect is that China does not seem to visualise its space efforts in isolation or competition with the space community. Quite to the contrary, in putting forward space programme, Beijing has been increasingly seeking to bring the cooperative balance into play and move towards what could be termed as “hub role” for international cooperation. This pro-cooperative stance has been reiterated on a number of occasions, including in the 2016 White Paper on Space Activities, which clearly reveals how China wants to use its space programme as a driver of international cooperation. For instance, in the section, “key areas for future cooperation, China announces the construction of a “Belt and Road Initiative Space Information Corridor” as an integral part the development strategy and framework known as *One Belt, One Road* aimed to improve connectivity and strategic cooperation among the countries located along the land-based "Silk Road Economic Belt" and oceangoing "Maritime Silk Road". Similarly, the announced creation of a BRICS remote-sensing satellite constellation and of the APSCO Joint Small Multi-Mission Satellite Constellation Programme are very indicative of China’s resolve to increase its international outreach. Even more so, is the proposed cooperation aboard their upcoming Space Station, which Beijing’s authorities have emphatically remarked to be open for joint experiments or even joint manned missions to *all* interested countries.

These remarkable overtures are bound to generate important implications for the international space community, inevitably raising the question of the ensuing cooperation possibilities. This joint ESPI-CNSA evening event wants to shed some lights on China’s policy posture vis-à-vis international cooperation and to spark an open discussion on the international prospects this may have.

The event will first provide a reflection on China’s current and future path in space. Thereafter, its specific approach towards international cooperation will be discussed. Finally, the cooperation trajectory between China and the major spacefaring nations (the United States, Russia, and Europe) will be explored, disentangling both opportunities and constraints. Through these five presentations and the subsequent debate the event aims to create better understanding about Chinese space policy, both now and in the future.

Programme

- 18:30 - 19:00 Welcoming and Registration**
- 19:00 - 19:15 Welcome Address**
Mr. Jean-Jacques Tortora
Director of the European Space Policy Institute
- Dr. Guoping Li**
Director General of Department of system Engineering, China National Space Administration
- 19:15 - 19:30 "China's Future Path in Space: Programmes, Policy Measures and Cooperation"**
Ms. Hui Jiang
Division Director – China National Space Administration
- 19:30 - 19:45 "China's Space Science Activities: Review and Outlook"**
Prof. Chi Wang
Director General – National Space Science Centre
- 19:45 - 20:00 "China and the United States in Space" (Title TBC)**
Mr. Kenneth Hodgkins
Director – Office of Space and Advanced Technologies, US Department of State
- 20:00 - 20:15 "Understanding the Trajectory of Europe-China Space Cooperation"**
Mr. Karl Bergquist
ESA Policy Officer - International Relations Department
- 20:15 - 20:30 Discussion with the Audience, moderated by Mr. Tortora**
- 20:30 - 21:30 Buffet reception**

Venue:

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