



Invitation to a presentation with roundtable discussion

China's Action on Climate Change and Possibilities for EU-China Collaboration

Dr. Dale Jiajun Wen

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Hälsans hus (nicest view in town!), Fjällgatan 23B, Stockholm (5 min fr Slussen)

- What is China doing to tackle climate change?
- What has the massive blaming of China since the Copenhagen summit meant?
- What are reasonable demands on China? What does China need to do to move towards a sustainable society?
- What are opportunities for improved cooperation between EU and China to reach breakthroughs in the international climate negotiations?

You are warmly welcome to participate in an afternoon seminar with our Chinese guest Dr Dale Jiajun Wen on Monday 5 September, where we will tackle these and other key issues in relation to China. The seminar is free of charge and will be held in English.

About Dale Jiajun Wen

Dr. Dale Jiajun Wen has focused on sustainable development issues for more than a decade. She received her PhD at California Institute of Technology (Caltech), has worked closely with organisations such as Third World Network, South Center and the International Forum on Globalization, and is currently based in Germany. In 2005, she published a short book "China Copes with Globalization: a Mixed Review", which examined the environmental and social impacts of China's breakneck industrialization and surveyed alternative voices in the Chinese scene, including the environmental movement, rural reconstruction movement and dissenting voices. Her current research focus includes sustainable agriculture, climate change and other globalization related issues. She was a coordinate lead author for the International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD), called by some the IPCC of agriculture.

Over the last few years Dr Wen has followed the international climate negotiations closely, and has substantial insights to the Chinese government's reasoning and policy making as well as to what is happening on the ground in China – both in terms of climate action as well as the effects of the current development trajectory. Through her independent position Dr Wen is well placed to pursue a nuanced and well-informed analysis of both merits and problems with the current Chinese policies on climate and development.

About the presentation

Dr Wen's presentation will start with an overview of China's existing actions on climate change, and place current commitments in relation to other countries. She will argue that contrary to popular misconception in the West, China has already engaged and implemented quite substantial efforts to address climate change. China's investments in clean energy are e.g. almost double that of the United States', and around three times in terms of percentage of GDP. Yet, these efforts are obviously not enough to counter climate change or to ensure sustainable development. Dr Wen will highlight some of the challenges for China, how the current growth-centred development model must be changed, and some of the implications of this.

Dr. Wen will furthermore analyse the political situation regarding China's position in the climate negotiations. How did the China blame game after the Copenhagen climate summit fuel climate skepticism within the country and prove counterproductive? What are the different and often competing schools of thought among China's ruling elite regarding the future climate regime? Finally she will share ideas why it is important for Europe and China to collaborate on climate issues and possible ways forward to rebuild trust and facilitate real breakthroughs in the international climate work.

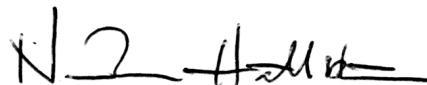
About the discussion

Following Dr Wen's presentation, we will engage in an open discussion among all participants. This open-ended conversation will be kick-started by comments from Svante Axelsson, Secretary General of the Swedish Society for Nature Conservation and Anders Wijkman, Senior adviser to the Stockholm Environment Institute.

Registration

The seminar is free of charge and there will be coffee/tea + cakes from "Hermans" available for those registering in advance. Please confirm your participation by e-mail to niclas.hallstrom@whatnext.org (it's also possible to just show up!). You may also want to take a late lunch before the seminar at "Hermans" – Stockholm's best vegetarian restaurant which is located in the same building.

Warmly welcome!



Niclas Hällström
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