



EAAE Seminar 159

China-EU Agricultural Trade Relations in a Global Context.

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Hosts:
College of Economics and Management, Nanjing Agricultural University, and Institute of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences

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Background

China-EU bilateral trade has been expanding and changing rapidly. While limited trade occurred in the 80s, China and the EU today have the second largest bilateral trade in value. China is the largest source of imports of goods for the EU and the third largest destination for its exports.

Since the beginning of the century China has emerged as a major importer of food, while the EU expanded its positive net trade position in agro-food products. Many expect China to continue to increase imports in relatively more land-intensive and the EU to expand its exports in products with a relatively high value added content. The trend of China's increasing imports of food products reflects the fact that China has limited resources in the agricultural sector taking into account its large population, its rapidly growing income, and a growing demand for safer and higher quality foods from a quickly expanding Chinese middle class.

Agro-food trade constitutes a small share of China-EU bilateral trade, but it has been increasing over the years as a result of the expansion of EU exports to China. By joining WTO in 2001, China had to significantly reduce tariff barriers to trade while gaining increased access to import markets. Non-tariff barriers to trade (including SPS regulations), differences in product and process standards and a limited number of high tariffs for specific products (tariff 'picks') play an important role in limiting the expansion of bilateral agro-food trade.

Difficulties in multilateral negotiations at the WTO have prompted many countries to pursue bilateral and regional trade agreements. China and the EU agreed in 2013 to start negotiations for a comprehensive bilateral agreement on investments.

Topics

Issues which are expected to be addressed at the Seminar include (but are not limited to) the trade implications of:

- Recent and expected future changes in domestic demand for food in China and the EU
- Recent and expected future changes in food supply in China and in the EU
- Domestic food security, policy intervention in China
- Technical innovations in agriculture
- Investments in agriculture
- Public policies in China and in the EU relevant for agriculture
- Trade negotiations and trade agreements
- Importance of existing tariffs in limiting bilateral trade
- Differences in product and process standards
- Role of expanded reciprocal recognition of Geographical Indicators
- Consumer trust and demand for imported products in the EU and China

Call for Papers

Papers are invited that address the above (or related) topics. A two page pdf format abstract in English is requested by April 30th. The abstract should indicate: 1) the relevant topic (ideally from the list above); 2) the question addressed; 3) the concepts, theories, methodology used; and 4) the results obtained.

Abstracts should be emailed to Alan Renwick (alan.renwick@lincoln.ac.nz) and Funing Zhong (fnzhong@njau.edu.cn, or funingzhong@163.com)

Selected papers may be published in the China Agricultural Economic Review, China and the World Economy, Issues in Agricultural Economy, and the Journal of Nanjing Agricultural University (Social Sciences)

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- Prof. Justin Lin (Honorary Dean of National School of Development at Peking University, former Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, World Bank)
- Prof. Jikun Huang (Center for Chinese Agricultural Policy, Chinese Academy of Sciences)
- Mr John Bensted-Smith, European Commission, Director of the JRC Institute for Prospective Technological Studies

Venue

The seminar will be held at the Nanjing Hanyuan Mansion (Center of Academic Exchange, Nanjing Agricultural University). It is also the official hotel for the seminar.

Travel

Nanjing Lukou International Airport has direct flights to Frankfurt, 3 flights a week, and can be reached daily via Beijing and other cities.

Registration and Seminar Fee

- Participants have to be a member of either EAAE, CAAE for 2016. The membership fee for the EAAE is €100 for the period 2016-2018 to be paid in advance of registration
- Early registration fee €150 (Fees include documentation, all meals and a half day field trip)
- Accommodation is not included in the fee but hotel accommodation is available on campus and can be booked at time of registration.

Important Dates:

- Abstract submission: April 30th 2016
- Author notification: May 31st 2016
- Early registration deadline: June 30th 2016 (registration fee €175 after this date)
- Deadline full papers: 20th September 2016
- Deadline registration: 20th September 2016

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The Seminar website is currently under construction and will be available soon but if you have any questions please contact one of the above