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In a nutshell

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...are only three recent examples of controversially discussed company takeovers in Europe. The “elephant in the room” is China and its “Belt and Road Initiative”. The political will in Europe is growing to more actively control investments flowing into the EU. The current regulatory initiatives raise several fundamental, constitutional and regulatory issues. Surprisingly, they have not been addressed in any depth so far.

The research conference shall take stock of the current rather fragmented regulatory approaches and produce the very first, interdisciplinary grounded, comprehensive appraisal of a future “Common European Law on Investment Screening”. Due to the conference’s comprehensive approach, it is expected to influence the broader debate on the EU’s upcoming regulation of this matter.

The research conference is addressed to participants from academia as well as to representatives from government, business, and civil society.
2. About the hosts

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3. Background

Volvo Personvagnar AB, Kuka, Aixtron, OSRAM Licht, or Daimler, Saxo Bank, the harbour terminal in Zeebrugge, Spain’s Noatum Port, Italy’s Vado Ligure Port, or the Port of Piraeus – the list of discussed controversial company takeovers and acquisitions of major stakes in Europe is getting longer and longer lately. The “elephant” or rather the “dragon in the room” is China with its somewhat nebulous “Belt and Road Initiative” and its industrial plan: “Made in China 2025”. The political will in the European Union (EU) and its Member States is growing to more actively screen, control, or even prevent investments flowing into Europe, especially from the Middle Kingdom, but also from certain other countries, such as Russia.

Third country investments stirring controversies archetypically share three common characteristics:

(1) Target companies operate in “politically sensitive areas” such as transport or energy infrastructure, high-tech, research and innovation, software and cryptography, or manufacturing with some products not only eligible for civilian but possibly also military use.

(2) It is not always clear who controls the foreign company acting as immediate buyer, and whether such a “puppet master” operates according to market principles only. For example, the Aixtron potential buyer has been reported to be indirectly controlled by the Chinese State. This feeds the allegation of strategically oriented investment activities – in the case of China, for example, these allegations might not be a pure conjecture when looking at the “Made in China 2025” plan.

(3) The effective foreign purchaser attempts to circumvent rules for non-EU investors through an intermediary company resident in the EU.

Only 13 out of 28 Member States have an investment screening mechanism in place; some of them have tightened their grip on foreign investment lately. The instruments vary greatly in scope and function. The EU as a whole – in contrast to all G7 countries and China – is still without any common mechanism to review foreign investment. Responding to a political proposal by France, Germany, and Italy, and after the European Parliament requested a legislative initiative, the European Commission tabled a Proposal for a Regulation establishing a framework for screening of foreign direct investments into the European Union in September 2017. In March 2018, the European Parliament produced its first Draft Report
including amendments to the Commission’s legal text. An EU institutional trialogue is to be expected in late 2018.

The regulatory proposals have received rather mixed responses: From cautious embraces or indifference by some Member States to outright rejection by others, like Sweden, the Netherlands, and Denmark. The apprehension of alienating foreign investment with an all too strict review mechanism is palpable. Among other stakeholders, such as businesses and trade unions, reception of the EU’s proposal also varies. Some fear a gradual renunciation of a liberal, open-door economic policy and turn to protectionism. Others, in contrast, draw the picture of a slowly exsanguinating European economy, know-how and innovative power silently flowing to other parts of the world. The investments, particularly from China, would not be market driven, but strategically managed by the administration to aid technology theft. Indeed, the list of concerns is long. Foreign investment (not only) from China is viewed sceptically, as it would potentially allow foreign governments to wield political influence in Europe. Moreover, a sense of inherent unfairness is in the air since the Chinese investment climate for European investors is sometimes described as not overly welcoming. In a nutshell, the critics find fault with a lack of investment reciprocity: The EU market is—by virtue of the freedom of capital movement enshrined in the Treaties of the EU—open, while access to the Chinese market is limited in several ways.

4. Questions

Indeed, the current debate has many facets. In addition to the geopolitical, economic, and even ideological questions, the current European regulatory initiative raises several fundamental legal issues. Surprisingly, they have not been addressed in any depth so far. They can be broadly grouped into an issues-complex relating to “Striking a Delicate Balance between Competing Interests in Light of the EU constitutional framework” and a “Best Regulatory Practice” issues-complex.

The issues-complex relating to the “Balancing contradictory interests in light of the EU constitutional framework” addresses the question of why and which criteria to screen for in foreign investment. It goes on looking at the scope and nature of an EU competence for investment. Moreover, it addresses the value judgements contained in the EU fundamental freedoms and other primary law rules predetermining any political balancing process.

Building on the assessment of the EU constitutional law framework, within the complex on Best Regulatory Practice, the conference aims at providing an interdisciplinary, scientifically fortified foundation for a European administrative law framework for investment screening by setting out viable solutions and evaluating their pros and cons.
5. **Programme (as of 16. February 2019)**

**Pre-conference evening (Wednesday, 06. March 2019)**
*Venue: to be announced*

19.30 – 22.30  Get-Together of organisers, speakers, commentators, and chairs and all registered participants

**First conference day (Thursday, 07. March 2019): Taking Stock**
*Venue: Conference Centre Wallenberg, Lecture Hall “Europe”, Medicinaregatan 20, 413 90 Gothenburg*

09.00 – 09.45 (45’)

**Registration and Coffee**

09.45 – 10.00 (15’)

**Welcome address and opening remarks by organisers**

Andreas Moberg, University of Gothenburg, Assoc. Professor, Gothenburg

Steffen Hindelang, University of Southern Denmark, Professor (wsr), Odense

10.00 – 10.30 (30’)

**Economic Foundations of Capital Controls and Unilateral Liberalisation of Capital Movements by the EU Treaties**

Age Bakker, Dutch State Council, State Councillor in Extraordinary Service, The Hague

10.30 – 11.00 (30’)

**Investment Screening – The Return of Protectionism?**

Stephan Wernicke, Association of German Chambers of Commerce, Head of Legal, Berlin

11.00-12.00 (60’)

**General Discussion**

12.00 – 13.00 (60’)

**Light lunch**

13.00 – 15.00 (120’)

**First Panel: “The European Origins” – the EU Member States Rules on Screening Foreign Investment**

Chair: Sylvia Baule, European Commission, Deputy Head of Unit, Brussels

Opening remarks by the Chair (5’)

Country Report on Western EU Countries (esp. Germany, France, The Netherlands, Ireland, Luxembourg) (20’)

Speaker: Philipp Stompfe, Attorney, Alexander & Partner, Berlin
Country Report on Southern EU Countries (esp. Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece) (20’)

Speaker: Paolo Vargiu, Lecturer, University of Leicester, Leicester

Country Report on Central and Eastern European and Baltic EU Countries (esp. Poland, Hungary, Slovenia, Romania, Croatia, Baltic States) (20’)

Speaker: Szymon Pawłowski, Senior Lecturer, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw and Marek Jeżewski, Partner, Kochański Zięba and Partners, Warsaw.

Country Report on Northern EU Countries (20’)

Speaker: Jonas Hallberg, Kommerskollegium, Trade Policy Advisor, Stockholm

General discussion (30’)

Concluding Remarks by the Chair (5’)

15.00 – 15.30 (30’) Coffee Break

15.30 – 17.30 (120’) Second Panel: “The Hidden European Investment Screening Mechanism Already in Place” – Existing EU Secondary Legislation on (Discriminatory) Treatment of Third Country Investments – A Plurality of Regulatory Approaches

Chair: Jukka Snell, University of Turku, Professor, Turku

Opening remarks by the Chair (5’)

Banking and Insurance Sector (15’)

Speaker: Henning Berger, White and Case, Partner, Berlin

Defence, Military, Dual-use Sector (15’)

Speaker: Dominik Eisenhut, Airbus Defence, Senior Legal Counsel, Munich

Transport Sector (15’)

Speaker: Henning Jessen, World Maritime University, Associate Professor, Malmö
Energy and Water Sector (15’)

Speaker: Bent Ole Gram Mortensen, University of Southern Denmark, Professor, Odense

Telecommunications and IT Infrastructure Sector (15’)

Speaker: Michael Fehling, Bucerius Law School, Professor, Hamburg

General Discussion (35’)

Concluding Remarks by the Chair (5’)

17.30 – 17.50 (20’) Short Break; Coffee

17.50 – 19.00 (70’) Third Panel: Beyond Europe – The Screening Schemes of Major EU Trade Partners

Chair: Vladimir Talanov, Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners, Advocate, Moscow

Opening remarks by the Chair (5’)

Country Report for Northern America (esp. US and Canada) (20’)

Speaker: Theodore W. Kassinger, O’Melveny & Myers LLP, Partner, Washington, D.C.

Country Report for Asia (esp. China and Japan) and Australia (20’)

Speaker: Qingxiu Bu, McGill University, Professor, Montreal

General Discussions (20’)

Concluding Remarks by the Chair (5’)

19.00 End of 1. Conference Day

20.00 – open end Speakers’ Dinner (special invitation event)

Venue: to be announced

Second conference day (Friday, 08. March 2019): Towards a “Common European Law on Investment Screening”

Venue: Conference Centre Wallenberg, Lecture Hall “Europe”, Medicinavägen 20, 413 90 Gothenburg

09.00-09.30 Arrival of participants; coffee is served.
9.30-10.35 (65’) Fourth Panel: EU Constitutional Preconditions and Limits

Chair: Tomoko Ishikawa, University of Nagoya, Assoc. Professor, Nagoya

Opening remarks by the Chair (5’)

In search for an EU Competence to Establish an Investment Screening Mechanism and Restricting Effects Flowing from Fundamental Freedoms, Fundamental Rights, and other EU Primary Law

Speaker: Stefan Korte, Technical University Chemnitz, Professor, Chemnitz (30’)

Comment: Bugge Thorbjørn Daniel, University of Southern Denmark, Associate Professor, Odense (10’)

General Discussions (15’)

Concluding Remarks by the Chair (5’)

10.35-11.00 (25’) Coffee Break

11.00-12.30 (90’) Fifth Panel: Possible Functions of a Common European law on investment screening

Chair: Per Cramér, University of Gothenburg, Dean and Professor, Gothenburg

Opening remarks by the Chair (5’)

Screening for What Threat – Preserving “Public Order and Security”, Securing Reciprocity in International Trade, Supporting Certain Social, Environmental, or Industrial Policies?

Speaker: Martin Nettesheim, University of Tübingen, Professor, Tübingen (30’)

Comment: Barbara Kacch, Nord Stream 2, General Counsel, Zug (10’)

Comment: Helle Krunke, University of Copenhagen, Professor, Copenhagen (10’)

General Discussion (30’)

Concluding Remarks by the Chair (5’)

12.30 – 13.30 (60’) Lunch break
13.30 – 15.30 (120’)  Sixth Panel: A Possible Design of an EU Investment Screening Mechanism

Chair: Joanna Warchol, European Parliament; Policy Advisor; Brussels

Opening remarks by the Chair (5’)

What is a Third Country Investment? (15’)

Speaker: Mavluda Sattorova, University of Liverpool, Senior Lecturer, Liverpool

An EU Investment Screening Mechanism and Access to Legal Redress (15’)

Speaker: Teoman Hagemeyer, Free University Berlin, Ph.D. Student and Social Welfare Court Berlin, Judge, Berlin

Policy Coherence (1) – What Role for EU Competition Law? (15’)

Speaker: Jörg Philipp Terhechte, Leuphana University Lüneburg, Professor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Lüneburg

Policy Coherence (2) – What Role for EU Company Law? (15’)

Speaker: Thomas Papadopoulos, Lecturer, University of Cyprus, Nicosia

How can EU business concerns be addressed in an EU screening mechanism? (15’)

Speaker: Carolina Dackö, Mannheimer Swartling, Partner, Stockholm

General Discussion (35’)

Concluding Remarks by the Chair (5’)

15.30 - 16.00  Farewell by organisers

Andreas Moberg and Steffen Hindelang

16.00 – 17.00  Coffee
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