

22nd Foreign Policy Conference**22. Außenpolitische Jahrestagung****On the Way to Carbon Zero
Foreign Policy in the Age of Climate Change**

January 13 – 27, 2022

Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

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Thursday, January 13/20/27, 2022 – Public Events 4pm to 5.30 pm (CET)

Conference Languages are German and English.

Simultaneous translation will be provided.

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Ramina Yachkaschi, External Consultant and Project Manager, foreign_policy@boell.de**Key Concepts**

Climate Partnerships and Climate Alliances; European Green Deal; Transatlantic Relations; European Neighbourhood Policy; EU-China Relations; Paris Agreement; COP26; “Climate Superpowers”, Big Emitters and Vulnerable States;

Background

The aggravating climate crisis has made the implementation of the Paris Agreement a central issue in German and European foreign policy. Nevertheless, the integration of climate and foreign policy is still fraught with uncertainties, both in its geostrategic and in its operational dimension.

The 22nd Foreign Policy Conference of the Heinrich Böll Foundation will focus on current debates at the intersection of foreign and climate policy and assess the prospects for a new carbon-neutral foreign policy.

Special emphasis will be given to the following topics:

- The odds of a **transatlantic zone of climate neutrality**, and its geopolitical implications
- The options for **climate partnerships** in the **European neighborhood**
- The climate policy of a new German government vis-à-vis **great powers, big emitters, and vulnerable states**

Thursday, January 20, 2022**EU-China relations in a Low-Carbon World** (Public Online Event)

- 4 p.m. Welcome and Introduction
Giorgio Franceschini, Head of Foreign and Security Policy Division, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin
- 4.10 p.m. Kick-off “pressure-cooker” debate
Climate and Geopolitics: Should the EU engage or constrain China?
Roderick Kefferpütz, Mercator Institute for China Studies, Berlin
Jennifer Tollmann, Senior Policy Advisor, E3G, Berlin
- Facilitation
Eva van de Rakt, Director, Heinrich-Böll Foundation European Union, Brussels
- 4.30 p.m. Spotlight China
Decoding Beijing’s Way to Carbon Zero
Hongqiao Liu, Independent Journalist and Consultant, Paris
- 4.45 p.m. Future scenarios for EU-China relations in a carbon-constrained world
Lina Li, adelphi / Global Diplomacy Lab, Berlin
Reinhard Bütikofer, Member of the European Parliament (Greens/EFA), Brussels
Janka Oertel, European Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin
- Facilitation
Corinna Fischer, Global Diplomacy Lab, Berlin
- 5.30 p.m. *End of day two*

Key questions:

- Is it possible to cooperate with China on climate policy, and at the same time constrain Beijing in other policy areas - for example on human rights and economic issues?
- What is the Chinese way to Carbon Zero?
- Does the global climate agenda influence the **Sino-American confrontation**? And vice versa: what are the effects of growing tensions between the US and China on international de-carbonization efforts?