

International Conference

**AN OPEN MARKET?**  
**Political Obstacles and Chinese Investment in Europe**

*Netherlands Institute of International Relations 'Clingendael'  
and Nyenrode Business University*

*Venue & Date:*

*Netherlands Institute of International Relations 'Clingendael'  
Friday, 5 March 2009, The Hague*

**Programme**

- 09.45                      *Registration*
- 10.00 – 12.15            Chinese Outward Investment and the European Market  
Opening and Chair:  
*Jan Melissen (Clingendael Institute)*
- A View from China on Political Obstacles to Investment in Europe  
*H.E. the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Netherlands,  
Mr Zhang Jun*  
Setting the scene: The political debate about restrictions  
*Maaïke-Okano Heijmans (Clingendael Institute)*  
China Investment Corporation: strategy, aims and operations  
*Haico Ebbers (Nyenrode Business Universiteit)*
- 12.15 – 13.15            *Lunch buffet*
- 13.15 – 14.45            International Strategies of Chinese Organizations  
Chair: *Frans-Paul van der Putten, (Clingendael Institute)*
- The balance between political and economic factors in EU- China relations  
*Song Xinning (United Nations University, Belgium, and Renmin University,  
China)*  
The overseas investment activities of China Development Bank  
*Sandra Heep (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin)*
- 14.45 – 15.15            *Coffee / tea*
- 15.15 – 17.15            Cross country comparisons  
Chair: *Maaïke Okano-Heijmans (Clingendael Institute)*
- Australia's struggle with inward Chinese investment  
*Mark Thirlwell (Lowy Institute, Sydney)*  
Sovereign Wealth Funds in the US  
*Eric C. Anderson (National security consultant, USA)*  
Comparison of (West) European Foreign Investment Control Mechanisms  
*Elmar Hellendoorn (Clingendael Institute)*
- 17.15                      *Closing reception and buffet dinner  
at the Clingendael Institute*