VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE

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EU - Taiwan: New Challenges, New Perspectives

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On October 21st, the European Parliament approved with a large majority a non-binding resolution, urging a new investment deal between the EU and Taiwan including "essential cooperation on critical supplies like semiconductors" and demanding that the bloc's trade office in Taipei be officially upgraded as the "European Union office in Taiwan".

This came just a few days after Xi Jinping publicly expressed his stance on a (possibly peaceful) “reunification” with the island, that the PRC intends to fulfil “in the near future”.

In this virtual roundtable jointly organized by the University of Naples “L’Orientale” and the University of Helsinki, the speakers – Julie Chen (University of Helsinki), Linas Didvalis (Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania), Vida Macikenaite (International University of Japan), Marco Fumian and Federico Brusadelli (Naples “L’Orientale) – will discuss and analyze the new trajectories in the political, cultural, and economic exchanges between the EU and Taiwan, on the background of the Union’s increasingly conflictual relationship with Beijing.

A specific focus will be put on the role of some individual EU countries (Czech Republic, Slovakia, Lithuania) in pushing the EU towards a redefinition of its traditional approach to the “one China policy”.