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China-Central (and Eastern) Europe relations 10 years after the Warsaw 2012 summit: What went wrong?"

The lecture will comprehensively unpack China's relations with Central (and Eastern) Europe since the initiation of the 16+1 platform in 2012 and the announcement of the Belt and Road Initiative in 2013. First, the historical and international context will be presented to argue that China and Central Europe are not the traditional friends, as we sometimes hear, but instead have to deal with significant historical baggage in their relations. Second, the economic considerations of both sides will be discussed, to explain why the CEE countries became initially excited about China and why their expectations were exaggerated and became a new source of frustration. Third, we will look at the politics involved to argue that this is what is driving the China-CEE relations – but also what is the main limitation. Eventually, we will discuss how the Covid-19 and the Russia-Ukraine war have basically ended the 16+1 platform, for the time being at least.

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