

Présentation of workshop



Is the European Union a Victim of China's Exports?



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1. The evolution and empowering of China's economy
2. The impact of China's Exports
3. The EU's response
4. Conclusion & Question

The evolution of China's economy

- 1978: "Reform and Opening Up" → Special Economic Zones
- Attracts foreign investment + cheap labor + infrastructure
- 1978: trade = \$20B → 1998: \$400B
- 2001: joins WTO → full access to global markets
- 2008 crisis: China stays strong, exports rebound
- Now: "Factory of the world"

The impact of Chinese



Advantages:

- Cheaper products: electronics, appliances, telecom, etc.
 - Supports EU's green & digital transitions (solar panels, batteries)
 - Helps EU companies reduce costs using Chinese components
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Disadvantages:

- Unfair competition (subsidies, dumping)
→ Example: Solar panel industry collapse in Europe
- Threat to automotive industry (BYD, NIO EVs)
- Dependence on China for key materials & goods
→ Rare earths, electronics, medicines

The EU's Response

- Anti-subsidy & dumping investigations (EVs 2024)
- Foreign Subsidies Regulation (FSR) – since July 2023
- Anti-Coercion Instrument (ACI) – counter foreign pressure
- Foreign Investment Screening – for strategic sectors
- Diplomatic actions – response to China's rare earth restrictions



Conclusion & open question:

Should Europe protect itself more from China, or should it continue to trade freely for the sake of globalization and growth?

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