

Program

German - Chinese Relations: Outlook 2020 – Diminished Expectations or Signs of Recovery?

Thursday, 16 January 2020, 18:00 - 21:00,
ING Germany,
Frankfurt am Main

- 17:30** **Registration**
- 18:00** **Welcome**
Almut Rößner, Executive Member of the Board
OAV – German Asia-Pacific Business Association
- Dr. Joachim von Schorlemer*, Executive Board ING-DiBa AG, Head of
Wholesale Banking Germany & Austria
ING Germany
- 18:10** **The Impact of Trade War, Currency Volatility and Restrained
Growth Prospect**
Iris Pang, ING Greater China Economist
ING Beijing
- 18:35** **2020 – the year when the EU-China Investment Agreement is
finalized?**
Mikko Huotari, Deputy Director
Mercator Institute for China Studies
- 19:00** **Panel Discussion**
Stefan Schratz, Director-Head of German-Swiss & Austrian Clients
ING Hongkong
Iris Pang, ING Greater China Economist
ING Beijing
Mikko Huotari, Deputy Director
Mercator Institute for China Studies
Carsten Brzeski, Chief Economist
ING Deutschland
- Moderator: *Almut Rößner*, Executive Member of the Board
OAV – German Asia-Pacific Business Association
- 20:00** **Networking and finger food**

About the Speakers

PANG, Iris | ING Greater China Economist | ING



Iris Pang joined ING in June 2017 as economist for Greater China. She is responsible for research on the macro-economic and industry trends in the Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Research reports from Iris are shared with ING clients on a regular basis. She is also often interviewed by the media and invited to contribute regular commentary.

Before joining ING, Iris held a similar position at Natixis between January 2016 and June 2017. Prior to that, she was with OCBC Wing Hang Bank in a similar role for almost a decade.

Iris holds a Ph.D. in Economics, Masters in Commerce (first class honours) and a Bachelor degree in Economics from the University of New South Wales.

HUOTARI, Mikko | Deputy Director | Mercator Institute for China Studies



Mikko Huotari is the Deputy Director of MERICS. His research focuses on China's foreign policy, China-Europe relations and global (economic) governance. He has published on China's rise as a financial power, trade and investment relations with Europe as well as on geopolitical shifts related to China's emergence as a global security actor.

Huotari studied in Freiburg, Nanjing and Shanghai. He holds a PhD from Freiburg University and was a guest scholar at the University of California in San Diego in 2017/2018. In 2019, Huotari was appointed as one of 15 German representatives to the German-Chinese Dialogue Forum.

BRZESKI, Carsten | Chief Economist | ING



Carsten Brzeski is Chief Economist in Germany. He covers economic and political developments in Germany and the Eurozone, including the monetary policy of the ECB. Previously, he has worked at ABN Amro, the Dutch Ministry of Finance and the European Commission. He is a 2019 JFK Memorial Policy Fellow at Harvard University and member of the Advisory Council on International Affairs for the Dutch government and Parliament. Carsten has studied at the Free University of Berlin, Northeastern University in Boston and Harvard University in Cambridge, USA.

SCHRATZ, Stefan | Director, Head of German-Swiss & Austrian Clients | ING



Stefan Schratz is based in Hong Kong since 2017 where he manages a team covering subsidiaries of German, Swiss and Austrian corporate clients across 14 countries in Asia Pacific. Next to giving strategic advice and structuring financing transactions, the team also gives access to local markets and supports clients to manage their trade flows and risk. Prior to his current role, Stefan was responsible for the global relationships with large German blue-chip companies (DAX).

Stefan took on the role as Sustainability Ambassador Greater China for ING in early 2018 with the aim to promote ING's sustainability ambitions across the region and to develop innovative sustainable finance solutions. This includes identifying sustainable clients and deals and working with internal and external experts in the sustainability arena to find ways to better serve ING's clients sustainability agendas.

Stefan holds a master's degree in Finance from Goethe University Frankfurt and an MBA from University of Paris Dauphine.

ROESSNER, Almut | Executive Member of the Board | OAV



After spending 9 years in Asia, working in different positions such as Executive Director of the European Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam, Ms Almut Roessner is now working as Executive Member of the Board of OAV. Founded in 1900, OAV comprises of more than 800 members (500 corporate members), thus being the largest foreign trade association. Members range from all sectors across Germany, such as representatives of large enterprises, medium-sized companies, banks, insurance companies and service providers. OAV offers the ideal platform for exchanging knowledge and experience among its members.