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CERRE discusses European and Chinese Approaches to Digital Ecosystems Governance with Angela Zhang and Werner Stengg

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The Centre on Regulation in Europe (CERRE) was proud to host the much-anticipated webinar titled "A Tale of Two Blocs – European and Chinese Approaches to Digital Ecosystems Governance". This webinar delved into the critical issue of digital governance across two major global powers: Europe and China.

The webinar, moderated by CERRE Executive Chairman [Bruno Liebhaberg](#), featured an enlightening discussion between [Angela Zhang](#), author of the acclaimed book "High Wire: How China Regulates Big Tech and Governs Its Economy," and [Werner Stengg](#), Senior Expert in Executive Vice President Margrethe Vestager's cabinet, and author of the upcoming book "Digital Policy in the EU: Towards a Human-Centred Digital Transformation".

Within the frame of CERRE's ongoing project, Global Governance for the Digital Ecosystems (GGDE), these two heavyweights shared their perspectives on the different regulatory approaches in the EU and China, on the respective interests and values that underpin each model and how international efforts towards convergence are faring. Liebhaberg pointed out that "regulation is driven by a mix of values, but also economic interests which are different in various economic and political blocs".

In an era where digital innovation is advancing rapidly, both the European Union and China have implemented robust regulatory frameworks to manage their digital sectors. On the surface the EU and China have pursued similar approaches and enacted aligned frameworks. However, the primary objectives for these differs. Stengg pointed out that the EU's objectives were to create an environment where technology is deployed in a trustworthy and human-centric way and where risks are being mitigated.

Zhang noted that European regulators are driven by a focus on protecting consumer interests, contrasting this with Chinese regulators who prioritise control. Bruno Liebhaberg concluded that, whatever the differences between the EU and China, it is in both blocs' mutual interest to ensure that their cooperation develops, both at bilateral and multilateral level. This means that, without prejudice to security risks which need to be properly addressed, there should be room for identifying some kind of co-existence between the respective regulatory regimes of the digital ecosystems, not least because global fragmentation would not be beneficial to anybody.

For further details, and to watch the recording of the webinar, please visit [CERRE's YouTube channel](#).

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