

NÚCLEO ÁSIA

XXII China Analysis Group Meeting: How China approaches its future in the world order

Introduction

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The world emerging from the pandemic will face old and new challenges. Most countries, big and small, will be focused on their own internal reality, stimulating investments, dealing with the huge deficits they had to incur to fight the virus and assist companies and individuals. Recovery will not be uniform. Mature economies are expected to recover faster than emerging markets and developing economies in general. New items have emerged: how to deal with future epidemic risks, how to assist least developed countries to protect their people, how to rebuild or reinforce world linkages.

At the same time, current international issues with high priority in the international agenda such as climate change, for example, will require a great deal of international dialogue and a stronger capacity to produce broad consensus.

A new Administration in the United States initiated last January. The new Administration is, at this stage, starting to make its international strategy known. It seems that the idea of containing the emergency of China is a key part of the strategy, while there is also space for a positive US-China bilateral agenda. China, by its turn, approved in March a new five-year plan, preparing the grounds for advances in technology development, economic openness and a more determined international presence.

A scenario of competition and co-operation seems to be what the world can expect from China-US future relations. Every country will be affected if the two giants do not find the right balance in their relations. Understanding fully their individual strategy and vision is of essence.

The purpose of the 20th April CEBRI's webinar is to discuss China's positioning in the world ahead. We will focus on China's international concerns and objectives, how China approaches international relations in a world in need of a process of reorganization. How can we interpret the Chinese declarations after the recent Anchorage meeting, what can be expected from China in the short and long term strategy, how China regards its relations with Europe, East Asian countries, with emerging market and the least advanced countries, what will be the future engagement of China with its recent initiatives, such as the Belt and Road Initiative.



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