

# 7<sup>th</sup> China-Brazil Innovation Seminar

## The Chinese Economy Today

# Answers

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## Geopolitical Perceptions

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### Answers

#### 1. Bernardo Moreira

How do you evaluate the success of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in terms of becoming independent from United States' economy?

**Prof. Zha Daojiong:** The SCO is more about security in Central Asia. It does not have much to do with the U.S., either in economics or security terms.

#### 2. Gabriel Gomes

How wolf warrior policy might be a pacific politic?

**Prof. Zha Daojiong:** It will be useful to separate the style (harsh words) and the real issues behind them.

#### 3. Nádia Marucci

How does China sees the Mercosur uncertainties regarding negotiation of FTAs? Regarding the Uruguay-China FTA talks, what are the expectations of China?

**Prof. Zha Daojiong:** The Uruguay-China FTA is probably more a geopolitical gesture, as there is not that much new space for growth in trade and investment, either direction. China-Mercosur FTA makes more sense.

#### 4. Gabriela Gonzalez Alves

Do you think the acceptance of the Taliban could weaken the actions the chinese state takes with extremists in Xinjiang?

**Prof. Zha Daojiong:** The Taliban and security in Xinjiang are not that tightly related. Xinjiang is secure when the majority of its residents feel satisfied with what they have and prospects in life. People often forget that ordinary residents have a huge role in either enabling or pre-empting terrorists.

## 5. Talita Gomes

Professor Zhao, do you think the AUKUS pact can put in jeopardy the Maritime Silk Road in the long run?

**Prof. Zhao Minghao:** Definitely! It is very challenging for china to gain maritime power. AUKUS is a maritime power coalition.

## 6. Marianna Albuquerque

In geopolitical terms, how do you interpret the relations between China, Russia, India and Pakistan in the scope of the Shangai Cooperation Organization?

**Prof. Zhao Minghao:** SCO would be more important for stabilizing the post-NATO Afghanistan.

## 7. Tulio Cariello

Brazil is the main destination of chinese investments in Latin America, but it's not officialy under the umbrella of the BRI. In the end of the day, do you believe the BRI is more like a rethorical strategy (or a new slogan) for something China has been doing since early 2000

**Prof. Zhao Minghao:** It is an umbrella.

## 8. Gabriela Gonzalez Alves

This morning Bloomberg reports that "electricity shortages in China are worsening, and widening geographically." How do you thing China will address this electricity shortages without using coal?

**Prof. Zhao Minghao:** Very big challenge. We see the price and struggling to deal with it. It is very hard.

## 9. Valeria Mendes Costa

It is interesting to note that both presentations touched on US-China relations. If the world is not binary, how this was so? To what extent does the US mold the Chinese diplomacy?

**Prof. Zhao Minghao:** Chinese diplomacy should not be US-centered.

## 10. Augusto Brown

Do you believe that the provocation of US and their allies in the Sea of China will product some military incident. What is your view for short and mid-Long term?

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**Prof. Zhao Minghao:** Both China and the US are preparing for such conflicts.

### 11. Ephim Shluger

For professor Zhao: China is in the forefront of alternative energy R&D technologies innovation and supply chain, as applied to urban and transport domains. Can we expect China to expand into this domain in Brazilian regions and cities?

**Prof. Zhao Minghao:** Why not? But the R&D cooperation btw China and other countries is under pressure from the US.