

Valentin Krüsmann

CURRENT POSITION

since 05/2021 **Centre for East European and International Studies**
Research Fellow

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 03–07/2020 **European External Action Service (EEAS)**, Brussels
- 10/2020–02/2021 Blue Book Traineeship at the EEAS division for China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao and Mongolia
- Facilitating the negotiations on the EU-China 2025 Cooperation Agenda between the EU and the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Preparing high level events including the 22nd EU-CN Summit and China briefings at the European Parliament
 - Monitoring developments on EU China policies
- 10/2019–02/2020 **Sinolytics**, Berlin
- 08–09/2020 Internship at a China-focused consultancy, followed by freelance engagement
- Consulting public institutions and DAX30-sized multinational corporations on their China strategy and on navigating China's policy landscape
 - In-depth Chinese-language research and monitoring on China's policy landscape, including in the transport, connectivity and finance sectors
- 01/2018–03/2019 **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit**, Beijing
- Internship at the sustainable transport programme: Sino-German Cooperation of Electro-Mobility
- Development and authoring of a research publication on the Chinese mobility landscape. Research conducted in English, Chinese and German
 - Participating in the organization of bilateral policy dialogue between Chinese and German ministries
 - Monitoring of transport-related industrial and environmental policies
- Since 2017 **Delegations for Dialogue**, London
- Programme Manager
- Dialogue promoting study and fact-finding programmes to contentious regions
 - Organization of meetings with high level government officials, international organisations, civil society organisations

EDUCATION

- 09/2017–09/2018 **SOAS University of London, UK**
Master of Science in Development Studies
- Dissertation on ‘Shadow Banking’ and development finance in China – Distinction
 - Specializations: Political Economy of Development, Economic Problems and Policies of Modern China, Aid and Development, Extractive Industries
 - Co-Founder of Delegations for Dialogue SOAS Society
- 09/2016–01/2017 **Yunnan Normal University, Kunming, China**
Advanced Chinese Language Classes
- 10/2012–08/2016 **Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria**
Bachelor of Science in Economics
- Dissertation on bureaucratic structures in China
 - Specializations: Development Economics, Economic Geography, Corporate Governance
- 08/2015–01/2016 **Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea**
Exchange semester studying Economics, North Korean International Relations
- 2014 **China Business Law School, Tongji & Nankai University, Shanghai & Tianjin**
Summer school on the Chinese legal system

PUBLICATIONS

- ‘Mobility Developments in 21st Century China: Snapshots, Dynamics and Future Perspectives’. Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, 2019.

LANGUAGES

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| German | Native |
| English | Native |
| Chinese | Advanced (HSK 5 / C1 Equivalent) |
| French | Elementary |

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- EU-China relations
- Chinese economic and political engagement with Eastern Europe and Eurasia
- The Belt and Road Initiative and Chinese connectivity developments
- Economic and political structures of the PRC
- Overseas Development Aid

– Development Finance

IT SKILLS

Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, Basic Java Programming, Statistical Software Package “R”