



**Chinese Inventors: new inputs into European knowledge creation**  
Some facts and policy implications

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**Discussant: Joep Konings (Bureau of European Policy Advisers)**

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The amount of R&D conducted in China had increased rapidly in recent years. The technology created is destined not only for the Chinese market but also for European markets; Chinese inventors working for both Chinese and European firms are increasingly creating technologies that are patented at the European Patent Office.

Rachel Griffith, in her recent work with colleagues at the IFS, examines some of the facts about Chinese research involvement with European firms and contrasts this to activities with inventors from other emerging countries. She shows that, although the activities of Chinese inventors are still modest in number they are growing at a rapid rate. In contrast to some recent work, she shows that many of the projects that Chinese inventors are involved in are in basic scientific development. The implications that these facts have for European policy are considered.

Rachel Griffith's presentation will be followed by brief remarks from Joep Konings, then by an open discussion.

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Participation in the seminar is by personal invitation only and the Chatham House Rule will apply for the discussion. A sandwich lunch will be provided at 12:45 pm before the session starts punctually at 1pm.

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