

# Transatlantic Cooperation toward China

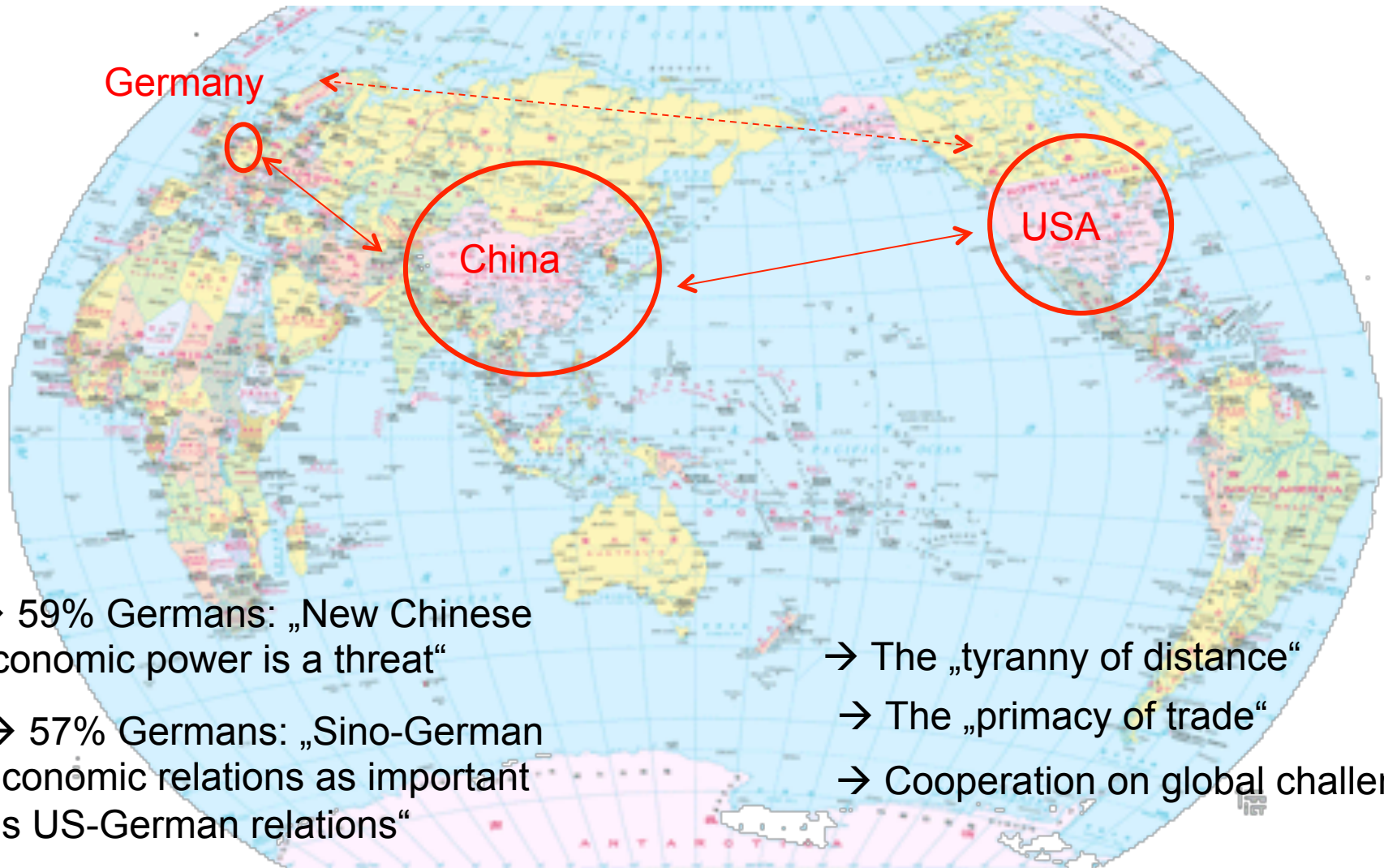
## International Order and a Rising China A German Perspective

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# Core Arguments

1. China is seen as a key actor in the international system and a core Strategic Partner. Germany engages with China in a myriad of dialogues bilaterally (govt consultations) and in multilateral fora on global challenges.
2. The German approach strives for influence through provision of expertise and cooperation. The relationship is underpinned by huge trade volumes, annual govt consultations and extensive programmes.
3. Germany & US share interests towards China/ in keeping the current international order, but not a joint vision.

# The German Perspective



→ 59% Germans: „New Chinese economic power is a threat“

→ 57% Germans: „Sino-German economic relations as important as US-German relations“

→ The „tyranny of distance“

→ The „primacy of trade“

→ Cooperation on global challenges

# Structure of the Presentation

- German – Chinese relations in a nutshell
- Global Governance in Flux: Sino-German cooperation
- US-German cooperation on China: Trade
- Challenges and US-German cooperation
- Conclusion and outlook

# German – Chinese Relations

- Economics: biggest mutual trading partner in EU / Asia (>€140bn in 2013; GER trade 50% of total EU trade); high tech / engineering / machinery
- Politics:
  - Annual govt consultations (since 2011; GER only country for CHN)
  - „comprehensive innovation partnership“ Oct 2014: global crises, NTS..
  - Dialogues (selection):
    - „Dialogue on Foreign Security Policy“ (Sts AA/MOFA and MOD/PLA)
    - 1st „Sino-German High-Level Financial Dialogue“ (March 2015, Berlin)
    - Rule of Law Dialogue, Human Rights Dialogue (plus EU HRD)
- Security: Training on PK / UN Center / General Staff course and seminar
- Culture: cultural exchanges, 80 partner cities, visa, Language & science cooperation

# Global Governance in Flux: Sino-German coop

- „Sino-German comprehensive strategic partnership in global responsibility“ (2004) → 50 shared memberships in IO
- Shared interest in reforming UN and IOs
- Climate change – Energy-Environment-Climate triangle main focus of govt consultations
- Financial issues / infrastructure → GER joins AIIB as founding member/HL Dialogue March 2015

→ Policy of active involvement and integration/ awareness of GER limits

# USA – Germany: Common interests, common action?

Trade: EU/USA/DEU-CHN

Cooperation in global challenges (climate change, security challenges etc.)

Trade Volume in Mio. € (2013)	
USA→EU	196,098
USA←EU	288,263
EU→CHN	148,297
EU←CHN	280,095
USA→CHN	121,736.4
USA←CHN	440,447.7

China's most important trade partners

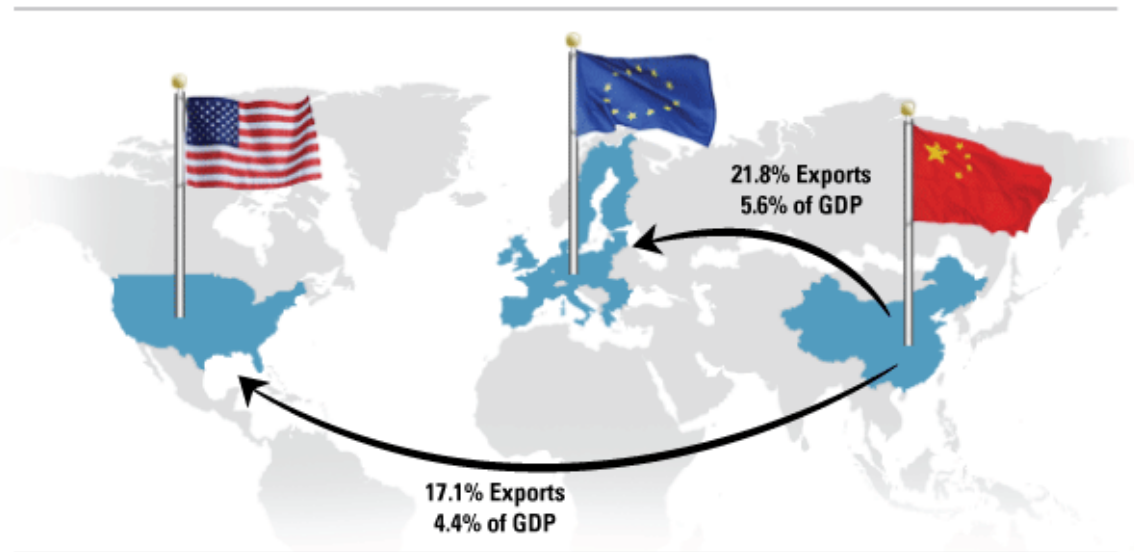


Chart Source: U.S. Global Investors (Frank Talk)

Source: CLSA Asia-Pasific Markets

# Areas and challenges in GER – US cooperation

- International Order - “managing change” to sustain?
- CHN parallel institutions to existing institutions – underlying rules?
- Defecting from existing norms?/ eroding liberal international order?
- Areas of global governance – definition in flux:
  - cyber, non-traditional challenges, territorial borders at sea (UNCLOS)/maritime security
- Security architecture & stability:
  - East Asia and peacekeeping globally



→ Lack of interest on US side on GER/EU cooperation: Pres. Obama in Brisbane: “no old baggage for AP” / Asianists vs. Europeanists



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