

Trade, climate and geopolitics will dictate China's path to economic recovery

Global demand, decarbonization and international relations will factor heavily in China's post-pandemic economic growth and profoundly affect those doing business here, according to views shared during an innovation forum in Beijing in March.

The event, co-organized by CEIBS and the European Chamber, welcomed nearly 200 participants for talks and a panel discussion on the theme of *How will China's economic recovery play out beyond the Two Sessions?*

"China needs to bring positive change for the world economy. It is clear that the decisions China makes will have a strong impact on foreign businesses operating in and engaging with China," CEIBS Vice President and Co-Dean Zhang Weijiong said in a welcome speech.

As such, it is necessary for businesses and business leaders to gain a firm understanding of the complex issues facing China's economy in order to navigate competing risks and seek out new opportunities, Prof. Zhang added.

Next, European Chamber President and BASF Chief Representative in China Joerg Wuttke offered a welcome speech in which he said that consumption, foreign direct investment and geopolitics will continue to dominate the minds of foreign businesses in China for the foreseeable future.

"You really have to be not just a man