

Hong Kong Under the Dragon's Breath: How Should Europe Respond?

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In clear violation of the 'one country, two systems' principle of the Sino-British Joint Declaration, China has now passed legislation directly curtailing the freedoms once granted to the citizens of Hong Kong. We can expect tough resistance from Hong Kong's democracy movement, and further attempts by the Chinese Communist Party to strengthen its power over the autonomous area. How should the EU and European civil society react? Will this crisis affect Sino-European relations? What form will the response of other international actors take if China continues to apply such pressure to Hong Kong?

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