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Since May 2025, **François Chimits** has been Head of Europe Program at the Institut Montaigne. He specializes in economic security issues, EU trade policy and the EU-US-China triangle.

After a master's degree in development economics from Paris Dauphine, François began his career at the Direction Générale du Trésor (Ministry of Economy and Finance), first in Singapore, then for two years in Beijing, and finally in Paris, working on French and EU trade policy issues. He then returned to Chinese issues, spending four years with the MERICS economic team, first in Berlin and then helping to open the German center's Brussels office.

In the meantime, he was a research associate at CEPII, first on globalization and sustainable development issues, then on interactions between the international economy and China. He was also in charge of a course on the Chinese economy at Sciences Po Paris from 2019 to 2024.

## Publications

[All Publications](#)

[EU-US Agreement: an Armistice that is Timely if Given the Means](#) (2025)

[Growing asymmetry: Mapping the import dependencies in the EU and US trade with China](#) - MERICS (2024)

[How China controls foreign access to technology and what it means for Europe](#) - MERICS (2024)

[EU: De-risking from China hits the road](#) - European think-tank network on China (2024)

[European Economic Security: current practices and further development](#) - European Parliament (2024)

[Chasing the ghost of transatlantic cooperation to level the playing field with China](#) - MERICS (2021)

## Press contacts

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## Topics of expertise

### European economic security

- What is **economic security**?
- The EU and France's **strategies and policies** on economic security and strategic autonomy;
- **Europe's dependencies**, de-risking efforts, and existing vulnerabilities;
- Europe within the **geoeconomic triangle** with the United States and China.
- Coercion and sanctions.

### The EU and France's international economic policy

- **EU trade agreements** and other partnerships;
- **Trade tensions**, including the EU's defensive instruments against foreign distortions;
- The **World Trade Organization**, its legal framework and challenges.

### France and the European Union

- France's EU policy.

## Languages

- French
- English

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