

# Jonathan Holslag



## Personal information

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## Career:

2011-2014: Post-doctoral researcher, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

2007-2011: PhD Researcher, Fund for Scientific Research Flanders

2004-2007: Analyst

2002-2004: Teacher in history, Sint-Hubertuscollege, Neerpelt

## Studies:

2011: PhD international politics, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

2007: Master of political sciences, great distinction, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

2004: Professional bachelor history, Dutch, geography

**Bio:** Jonathan Holslag (°1981) is a Professor of International Politics at the Free University of Brussels. His work focuses on international political economy, regional security in Asia, and the relations between Europe and Asia. His two latest books, *China and India: Prospects for Peace* (Columbia University Press, 2010) and *Trapped Giant* (IISS and Routledge, 2011), were internationally well received. His new book, *How Europe Will Survive the Asian Century* appears in 2014. Of the Dutch version, over 10,000 copies were sold in less than a month. Translations in other languages will follow soon. Another book on China's rise will be published early 2015 (*Polity* and *De Bezige Bij*), as well as an essay on the future of Europe's economy.

Jonathan has written over 40 academic papers that were published in journals like *International Spectator*, *the Journal of International Trade*, *the Washington Quarterly*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *the Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, etc. He is a frequently solicited referee for various international research commissions and has lectured at universities like Harvard, Columbia, Oxford, the London School of Economics, the Central Party School, Tsinghua, Peking University, Fudan University, Delhi University, Singapore National University, the Flag Admirals and Ambassadors Course of the NATO Defence College, and so forth. He sits on the Scientific Board of the Royal Military Academy and the Board of the Flemish Council for Foreign Affairs.

Jonathan contributed to various study projects organized by European and international institutions. In 2007 and 2008, he was coordinator of the EU-China Academic Network (ECAN), an academic forum established by the European Commission. He was invited by the European Parliament to provide advise on China's relations with the third world (2007/08) China's economic transition (2011/12), on China's military transition (2012), on maritime security in Asia (2012), and on the relations between Europe and Southeast Asia (2013). For the European Commission he evaluated the EU's Asia Strategy (2008/09), advised on the strategic dialogue with China and India (2010/11), China's trade policy (2011), and the security outlook in Asia (2011/12/13). Jonathan has briefed various European member states, intelligence services, senior officials from China, India, the United States, as well as the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission, NATO, the Chiefs of European Navies (CHENS), the EU Political and Security Committee and the UN Human Rights Council. He equally advised several *Fortune Global 500* companies on their Asia strategy and is a frequent speaker at internal briefings at board and high executive level.

Besides academic and policy related work, Jonathan regularly comments on current affairs in news media. Shorter pieces of his hand appeared in news outlets like *the Financial Times*, *the Guardian*, *South China Morning Post*, *European Voice*, *the Wall Street Journal*, *the Globalist*, *Foreign Policy*, *the Harvard International Review* and *EU Observer*. He has a biweekly column in *De Morgen* (Belgium), *NRC Handelsblad* (Netherlands), and *Caixin* (China). He was interviewed by all major television channels - such as CNN, BBC, Bloomberg, CCTV, Al Jazeera - and newspapers - like the *New York Times*, *the Financial Times*, and the *Wall Street Journal*.

Jonathan is a Rockefeller Fellow of the *Trilateral Commission* (2014), was nominated into the *World Economic Forum* (2012), is a European delegate at CSCAP (2014), was invited as a visiting a fellow of the *Nobel Committee* (2014), and participated in young leader programmes, including those of South Korea, Japan, and Singapore. He founded of the *Friday Group*, a reflection group of young Belgian leaders, supported by the King Baudouin Foundation.

