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Towards Green Shipping: China’s Efforts to Control Emissions

If the global shipping industry were a country, it would be among the world’s top ten biggest polluters as ships use high-sulphur heavy fuel oil which produces massive emissions of greenhouse gases, black carbon and particulate matter. As an industrial, shipping and port giant, China has, in recent years, realized the necessity of reducing shipping emissions, promoting a regulatory framework designed to control emissions from ships in Chinese territorial waters and ports. It has even established its own Emission Control Areas, requiring ships in these areas to use cleaner fuels or adopt necessary emission abatement technologies.

In this lecture, Prof. Zhang Qiang, who works for the NGO think-tank Shanghai Institute for International Shipping, will discuss these efforts and the work his organization does to promote pollution reduction and to introduce green technologies to China’s shipping industry.

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