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Ivana has testified at the European Parliament's hearings on Chinese foreign policy, China's influence in Europe, and Sino-Russian confluence. She presented her research to Members of the German Parliament (Bundestag), Belgian Senate, and Members of the US Congress. She was quoted in *The New York Times*, *BBC*, *Al Jazeera*, *Financial Times*, *South China Morning Post*, *Deutsche Welle*, *Le Monde*, etc.

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