



SUMMER
SCHOOL

2025
EDITION

Week 1

TIME	Monday 30 JUNE	Tuesday 1 JULY	Wednesday 2 JULY	Thursday 3 JULY	Friday 4 JULY
10.00 - 12.30	Romano PRODI The recent history and emerging trends in relations between the European Union and China	Alicia GARCÍA-HERRERO China's short- and long-term economic prospects in the face of domestic challenges, Trump's tariffs and European derisking	Alicia GARCÍA-HERRERO China's innovation in critical technologies: Where does China stand compared to the US and the European Union?	Elena BARABANTSEVA Researching Chinese global order at the border: security, migration, and marriage through the lens of intimate geopolitics	Kristin SHI-KUPFER China in the digital sphere: pathways for research
	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK IN MILAN
15.00 - 17.30	Patricia THORNTON DeepSeek Revolution: China and AI-tocracy	Simone DOSSI China's military posture: political control and geopolitical projection	Giovanni B. ANDORNINO A re-emerging China and the geopolitics-business nexus	Elena BARABANTSEVA Searching for self, navigating Chineseness	Daniele BRIGADOI COLOGNA The engagement and governance of China's diaspora: the case of Italy
	City tour in Turin & Opening Aperitif				Walking tour of Milan's Chinatown

Week 2

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10.00 - 12.30	Evan FEIGENBAUM Is the US getting Asia right or wrong? How Trump is approaching the region	Evan FEIGENBAUM US foreign policy towards China in the second Trump presidency	LI Ling (Anti-)corruption and Chinese politics: the state of the art	David OWNBY Orthodoxy and pluralism in contemporary Chinese political thought	LU Xiaoyu China as a mediation superpower: norms, practices, narratives
	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	FAREWELL LUNCH
15.00 - 17.30	CHEN Jin A socio-anthropological perspective on post-Covid Chinese society	CHEN Jin What the development of anthropology in China tells us about the politics of Chinese identity	David OWNBY Whither China's spiritual revival under Xi Jinping?	LI Ling Elite politics and the Constitution in China	Najla ALZAROONI What horizons for China-Gulf relations?

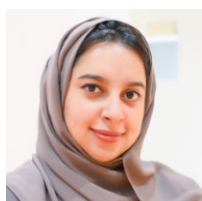


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LECTURE: **A re-emerging China and the geopolitics-business nexus**

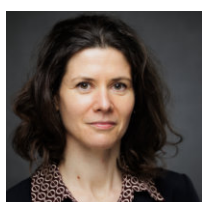


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Najla AlZarooni is an adjunct faculty at the Department of International Relations at University of Sharjah - UAE. She is an academic lecturer, specializing on China-Middle East relations and Middle East- BRICS+ relations. As a senior researcher on Chinese affairs, she has established research cooperation and fellowships with organizations such as the Consortium of Area Studies at Beijing Foreign Studies University (China) and BRICS Innovation Center in Xiamen (China). With extensive knowledge and experience in international relations and diplomacy, Najla passionately engages in in-depth research, collaborates with various academic entities, authors insightful papers, and actively participates in international and regional conferences.

LECTURE: **What horizons for China-Gulf relations?**



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Elena Barabantseva is a Senior Lecturer in Chinese International Politics at The University of Manchester. Her research explores nationalism, borders and citizenship in the context of globalising China. She is a member of the British Academy Global Convening Programme 'Chinese Global Orders' (2023-2026) and the ESRC Network Plus 'Shifting Global Polarities: Russia, China, and Eurasia in Transition' (2024-2028). She is the author of *Overseas Chinese, Ethnic Minorities and Nationalism: De-Centering China* (Routledge 2010). Her most recent research is forthcoming as *Slavic Brides in the China Dream: Marriage Migration across Chinese--Post-Soviet borders* with Cambridge University Press.

LECTURE: **China's evolving role in the Gulf: a perspective from Kuwait**

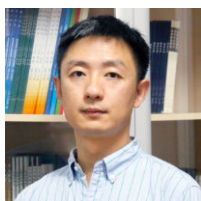


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LECTURE: **The engagement and governance of China's diaspora: the case of Italy**



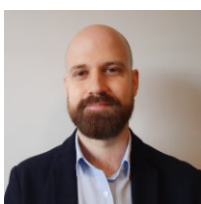
CHEN Jin

TONGJI UNIVERSITY

Chen Jin is an associate professor in social anthropology at Tongji University. He was a residential fellow of the Institute for Advanced Study in Humanities and Social Sciences at Zhejiang University and a visiting scholar to the University of Turin. His research interests include ritual discourse and ritual action among the Na (Moso) in Southwest China, social/cultural memory of time and space, history of anthropology in Europe.

LECTURE: **A socio-anthropological perspective on post-Covid Chinese society**

LECTURE: **What the development of anthropology in China tells us about the politics of Chinese identity**



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LECTURE: **China's military posture: political control and geopolitical projection**



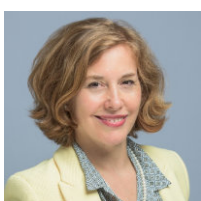
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Evan A. Feigenbaum is vice president for studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where he oversees research in Washington, Beijing, and New Delhi on a dynamic region encompassing both East Asia and South Asia. He was also the 2019-20 James R. Schlesinger Distinguished Professor at the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia, where he is now a practitioner senior fellow. Initially an academic with a PhD in Chinese politics from Stanford University, Feigenbaum's career has spanned government service, think tanks, the private sector, and three major regions of Asia. He is the author of three books and monographs, including *The United States in the New Asia* (CFR, 2009, co-author) and *China's Techno-Warriors: National Security and Strategic Competition from the Nuclear to the Information Age* (Stanford University Press, 2003), which was selected by Foreign Affairs as a best book of 2003 on the Asia-Pacific, as well as numerous articles and essays.

LECTURE: **Is the US getting Asia right or wrong? How Trump is approaching the region**

LECTURE: **US foreign policy towards China in the second Trump presidency**



Alicia GARCÍA-HERRERO

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LECTURE: **China's short- and long-term economic prospects in the face of domestic challenges, Trump's tariffs and European derisking**

LECTURE: **China's innovation in critical technologies: Where does China stand compared to the US and the European Union?**



LI Ling

UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

Li Ling is an interdisciplinary scholar specializing in the intersection of law and politics in China. From 2000 to 2010, she served as a law faculty member in China before joining the US-Asia Law Institute at New York University as a Senior Research Fellow (2010–2015). Since 2015, she has been teaching China Studies in Vienna, where she continues to examine Chinese public law, legal institutions, elite politics, and the "rules of the game" within the Chinese Communist Party. Dr. Li's research is shaped by her academic and professional experiences across China, the United States, and Europe, allowing her to analyse China from both an insider's and an outsider's perspective. Her work on corruption, anti-corruption strategies, and the Chinese political-legal system has drawn widespread interest from scholars and international media. Her forthcoming monograph, *Governance of a Party-State: Corruption, Law, and the Modus Operandi of the Chinese Communist Party*, will be published by Cambridge University Press in July 2025.

LECTURE: (Anti-)corruption and Chinese politics: the state of the art

LECTURE: Elite politics and the Constitution in China



LU Xiaoyu

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Xiaoyu Lu is an Assistant Professor at School of International Studies at Peking University and was a Research Fellow at the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at the Australian National University. He received MSc and DPhil degrees in Politics at St Antony's College, University of Oxford, and previously worked at the United Nations Development Programme. He is the 2022-2023 Berggruen China Centre Fellow and his research focuses on conflict and peace, with field experience in Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Syria, Lebanon, Myanmar and Colombia. He is the founding director of PeaceLab that promotes conflict and peace studies and dialogues in China.

LECTURE: China as a mediation superpower: norms, practices, narratives



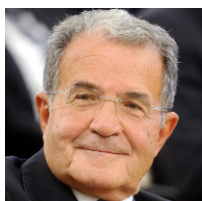
David OWNBY

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David Ownby is an Associate at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle, Germany. He recently retired from the Université de Montréal, where he was a history professor for three decades. Since 2018 he has translated the writings of Chinese intellectuals essays on his website *Reading the China Dream*.

LECTURE: Whither China's spiritual revival under Xi Jinping?

LECTURE: Orthodoxy and pluralism in contemporary Chinese political thought



Romano PRODI

AGNELLI CHAIR OF ITALIAN CULTURE, PEKING UNIVERSITY

Romano Prodi is an Italian scholar and former politician who served as President of the European Commission from 1999 to 2004. He served twice as Prime Minister of Italy, first from May 1996 to October 1998 and from May 2006 to May 2008. In September 2008, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon selected Prodi as President of the African Union–United Nations peacekeeping panel. Prof. Prodi is a member of the Advisory Board of the Torino World Affairs Institute. Prof. Prodi has served as the founding Honorary Co-Chairman of the China-Italy Philanthropy Forum from 2019 to 2024. In February 2025, Romano Prodi became the first chairholder of the Agnelli Chair of Italian Culture, promoted by Fondazione Agnelli in collaboration with the TOChina Hub, and hosted by the China-Europe Philanthropy Innovation Research Center at Peking University.

LECTURE: The recent history and emerging trends in relations between the European Union and China



Kristin SHI-KUPFER

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LECTURE: **China in the digital sphere: pathways for research**



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LECTURE: **DeepSeek Revolution: China and AI-tocracy**



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10.00 - 12.30	Arrival in Torino	Patricia THORNTON From lying low to lying flat: logics and practices of disengagement in the age of China's rejuvenation	ZHANG Qingmin From "responsible stakeholder" to norm shaper? China's attitudes and visions on global order	Doing research in and on contemporary China: old challenges in the new era	Hasan ALHASAN The networked "Rise of the Rest": the China-India-GCC triangle
	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK
15.00 - 17.30	Arrival in Torino	ZHANG Qingmin The making of China's foreign policy: actors, processes and feedbacks	Sarah KIRCHBERGER China's maritime power projection and scenarios for the Taiwan Strait after the 2024 elections	Kristin SHI-KUPFER How to study online public discourse in China: research agendas and methodological caveat	Alanoud AL-SABAH China's evolving role in the Gulf: a perspective from Kuwait
		City tour in Turin & Opening Aperitif			

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10.00 - 12.30	Agatha KRATZ EU-China relations in the age of de-risking: implications for governments and business	Agatha KRATZ Assessing the cost of escalating tensions in the Taiwan Straits	LI Mingjiang What prospects for China's policy in South-East Asia after the 2023 Central Conference on Work Relating to Foreign Affairs?	Evan FEIGENBAUM America's posture in Asia after the November elections	Jane DUCKETT "Common prosperity" and social policy in China after the age of rapid economic growth
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15.00 - 17.30	Florian SCHNEIDER Digital nationalism in the PRC: actors, audiences, antinomies	Florian SCHNEIDER Taiwan's digital democracy and contemporary cross-strait relations	LI Mingjiang From soft to ideational power: the China Dream and Beijing's Global community of shared future	Daniele BRIGADOI COLOGNA The changing social topography and governance of the Chinese diaspora in Italy	Jane DUCKETT The end of the Covid-19 pandemic and political regime stability in China

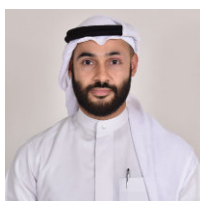


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LECTURE: Making sense of China's pursuit of international status: the case of the Belt and Road Initiative and Italy



Hasan ALHASAN

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Dr Hasan Alhasan is a Senior Fellow for Middle East Policy at the IISS. He has over a decade of experience as a scholar and practitioner of foreign policy in the Gulf region. He specialises in the Arab Gulf states' grand strategies, economic statecraft, and relations with the Asian powers. Prior to joining IISS in 2019, Hasan served on HRH the Crown Prince of Bahrain's staff as a senior analyst on foreign policy and national security for five years. Hasan is regularly consulted by governments, private corporations, and the media on strategic affairs in the Gulf and Middle East region. His latest project at IISS, entitled Gulf Bailout Diplomacy: Aid as Economic Statecraft in a Turbulent Region, is a groundbreaking study on the politics of Gulf rescue lending in the MENA region. He is the co-editor of India and the Gulf: Theoretical Perspectives and Policy Shifts (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023).

LECTURE: The networked "Rise of the Rest": the China-India-GCC triangle



Alanoud AL-SABAH

RESEARCH JOURNEY

Dr Al-Sabah holds a PhD in History from Pompeu Fabra Barcelona and a Masters in Chinese Studies from the same university. She has 17 years of work experience in the field of international relations and security in several governmental institutions in Kuwait. Dr Al-Sabah has research published on China- Kuwait relations, GCC Brazil relations and Public Policy. She has also studied Spanish and Hispanic Literature at the University of Barcelona and a diploma in Cultural Management from Culture Management Diploma Factoria de Arte, Spain. She obtained expertise in the field of Security and Cyber Security. She participated in several international conferences related to China, International Security and Public Policy. She is able to speak several languages, including Spanish, French, Portuguese, and some Chinese. She is fond of Chinese Calligraphy and literature.

LECTURE: China's evolving role in the Gulf: a perspective from Kuwait



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LECTURE: The changing social topography and governance of the Chinese diaspora in Italy



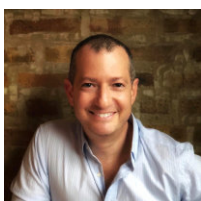
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LECTURE: **"Common prosperity" and social policy in China after the age of rapid economic growth**

LECTURE: **The end of the Covid-19 pandemic and political regime stability in China**



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LECTURE: **America's posture in Asia after the November elections**

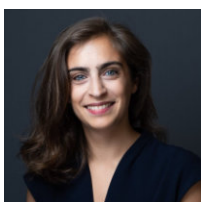


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Sarah Kirchberger is head of Asia-Pacific Strategy and Security at the Institute for Security Policy at Kiel University (ISPK); vice president of the German Maritime Institute (DMI), and Non-resident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council. Her current work focuses on Russia-China relations, maritime security in the Asia-Pacific region, emerging technologies in the maritime sphere, China's arms industries, and China's naval development. Before joining ISPK she was assistant professor of contemporary China at the University of Hamburg, and previously worked as a naval analyst with shipbuilder TKMS Blohm + Voss. She is the author of *"Assessing China's Naval Power: Technological Innovation, Economic Constraints, and Strategic Implications"* (2015) and editor of *"Russia-China Relations: Emerging Alliance or Eternal Rivals?"* (2023).

LECTURE: **China's maritime power projection and scenarios for the Taiwan Strait after the 2024 elections**



Agatha KRATZ

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Agatha Kratz is a Director at Rhodium Group. She heads Rhodium's China corporate advisory team, as well as Rhodium's research on European Union-China relations and China's economic statecraft. She also contributes to Rhodium work on China's global investment, industrial policy and technology aspirations. Agatha holds a Ph.D. from King's College London, on China's railway diplomacy. Her previous positions include Associate Policy Fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations and Editor-in-Chief of its quarterly journal *China Analysis*, Assistant Editor for *Gavekal-Dragonomics' China Economic Quarterly*, and Junior Fellow at Asia Centre in Paris.

LECTURE: **EU-China relations in the age of de-risking: implications for governments and business**

LECTURE: **Assessing the cost of escalating tensions in the Taiwan Straits**



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LECTURE: What prospects for China's policy in South-East Asia after the 2023 Central Conference on Work Relating to Foreign Affairs?

LECTURE: From soft to ideational power: the China Dream and Beijing's Global community of shared future



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Florian Schneider, PhD, Sheffield University, is Chair Professor of Modern China at the Leiden University Institute for Area Studies. He is managing editor of *Asiascape: Digital Asia*, director of the Leiden Asia Centre, and the author of three books: *Staging China: the Politics of Mass Spectacle* (Leiden University Press, 2019, recipient of the ICAS Book Prize 2021 Accolades), *China's Digital Nationalism* (Oxford University Press, 2018), and *Visual Political Communication in Popular Chinese Television Series* (Brill, 2013, recipient of the 2014 EastAsiaNet book prize). In 2017, he was awarded the Leiden University teaching prize for his innovative work as an educator. His research interests include questions of governance, political communication, and digital media in China, as well as international relations in the East-Asian region.

LECTURE: Digital nationalism in the PRC: actors, audiences, antinomies

LECTURE: Taiwan's digital democracy and contemporary cross-strait relations

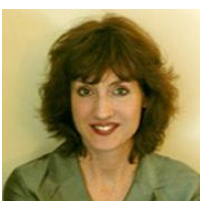


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LECTURE: How to study online public discourse in China: research agendas and methodological caveat



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LECTURE: From lying low to lying flat: logics and practices of disengagement in the age of China's rejuvenation



ZHANG Qingmin

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LECTURE: The making of China's foreign policy: actors, processes and feedbacks

LECTURE: From "responsible stakeholder" to norm shaper? China's attitudes and visions on global order



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10.00 - 12.30	Patricia THORNTON Whither Xi Jinping Thought? An exploration of its rationale, projection, fruition	LI Mingjiang The role of local governments in Chinese foreign policy	ZHANG Chenchen Postcolonial relationality and victimhood nationalism in popular geopolitical narratives on Chinese social media	Jane DUCKETT Social policy in China's new era of "common prosperity"	Kristin SHI-KUPFER Online public discourse in China: platforms, actors and topics
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15.00 - 17.30	LI Mingjiang China's policy in the South China Sea disputes	Patricia THORNTON Party Center and grassroots party-building: the evolving topography of power in Xi's China	Jane DUCKETT The Covid-19 pandemic and political regime legitimacy in China	Jérôme DOYON Rejuvenating communism: youth organizations and elite renewal in post-Mao China	Kristin SHI-KUPFER How to study online public discourse in China: research agendas and methodological caveats
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10.00 - 12.30	ZHANG Jian China's path to modernisation: opening up, rejuvenation, projection	Giovanni B. ANDORNINO Making sense of China's pursuit of international status: the case of the Belt and Road Initiative and Italy	 Transfer to Rome	Evan FEIGENBAUM Why America risks losing Asia and what it can do about it	Sarah KIRCHBERGER Taking stock of China's armed forces: assets, doctrines, challenges
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15.00 - 17.30	ZHANG Jian The meaning(s) of "Chineseness" and China's quest for a community of common destiny of mankind	Sébastien BILLIQUOD Yiguandao: spirituality and politics across the Sinophone oecumene	Evan FEIGENBAUM China's evolving role in Asia: views from Washington (16.00 -18.30)	ChinaMed Roundtable The Persian Gulf and the US-China rivalry (15.00 -18.30)	SHE Gangzheng The role of the Middle East in Chinese foreign policy from Mao to Xi
			Aperitif in Rome		

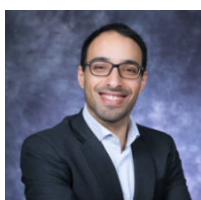


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LECTURE: Making sense of China's pursuit of international status: the case of the Belt and Road Initiative and Italy

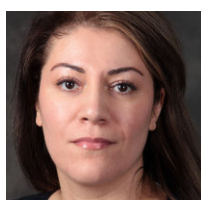


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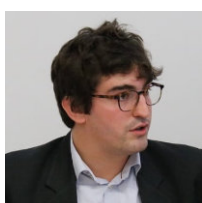


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LECTURE: **Rejuvenating communism: youth organizations and elite renewal in post- Mao China**



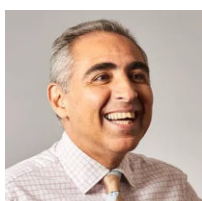
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LECTURE: **The Covid-19 pandemic and political regime legitimacy in China**

LECTURE: **Social policy in China's new era of "common prosperity"**



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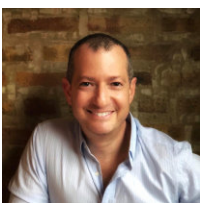


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LECTURE: **China's evolving role in Asia: views from Washington**

LECTURE: **Why America risks losing Asia and what it can do about it**



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LECTURE: **Taking stock of China's armed forces: assets, doctrines, challenges**



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LECTURE: **China's policy in the South China Sea disputes**

LECTURE: **The role of local governments in Chinese foreign policy**



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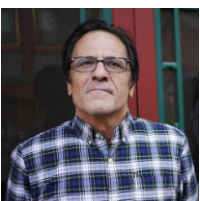


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LECTURE: **China's difficult economic adjustment**



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LECTURE: **The role of the Middle East in Chinese foreign policy from Mao to Xi**



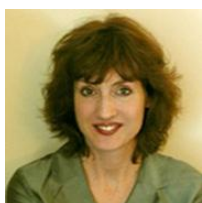
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LECTURE: **Online public discourse in China: platforms, actors and topics**

LECTURE: **How to study online public discourse in China: research agendas and methodological caveats**



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LECTURE: **Whither Xi Jinping Thought? An exploration of its rationale, projection, fruition**

LECTURE: **Party Center and grassroots party-building: the evolving topography of power in Xi's China**



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LECTURE: **Postcolonial relationality and victimhood nationalism in popular geopolitical narratives on Chinese social media**



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LECTURE: **China's path to modernisation: opening up, rejuvenation, projection**

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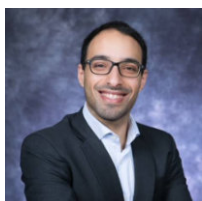
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LECTURE: A common destiny? China and the Global South



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LECTURE: China's STI and party-nation building in the 21st Century



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LECTURE: **The Indo-Pacific in a post-liberal order: China, Japan and the new middle-powers**

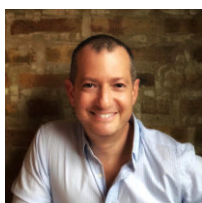


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LECTURE: **Developing the China Dream: the political economy of common prosperity**



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LECTURE: Thinking outside the box: the politics and political economy of regime stability in China



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LECTURE: **What and whose international order? Views from China**



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LECTURE: **Chinese economic statecraft in a time of crisis: liberal, statist, or both?**



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LECTURE: **China and international peace and security: the case of Ukraine**



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LECTURE: **Sino-Russian relations from the Cold War to the present**

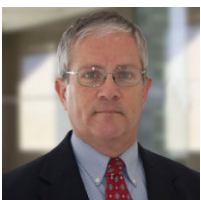


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LECTURE: **China's digital nationalism: narratives, technological affordance, practice**



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LECTURE: **China and Grand Strategy: is Beijing playing a 'Long Game'?**

LECTURE: **China's Global Military Posture: Great Power lite?**

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LECTURE: **Sino-Israeli relations: convergence of sci-tech, security, and global geostrategy**

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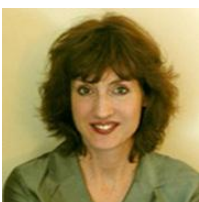


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LECTURE: **Online public discourse and ethics in China**



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LECTURE: **What does it mean to think Xi Jinping Thought?**

LECTURE: **Party life: the Chinese Communist Party and its grassroots organization**



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LECTURE: **A common destiny? China and the Global South**



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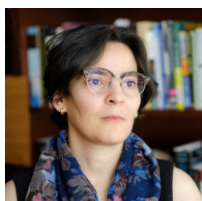


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LECTURE: **China's STI and party-nation building in the 21st Century**



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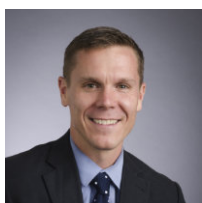


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LECTURE: Yiguandao: spirituality and politics across the Sinophone oecumene



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LECTURE: The domestic politics of US-China relations



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LECTURE: Chinese development finance and RMB internationalization for the Belt & Road



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LECTURE: How does the changing nature of US - China relations affect ME politics? An Israeli Perspective



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LECTURE: Thinking outside the box: the politics and political economy of regime stability in China



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LECTURE: 'Tying hands for what?' China and international development financing



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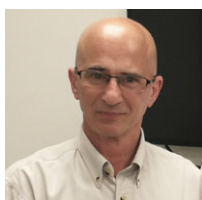


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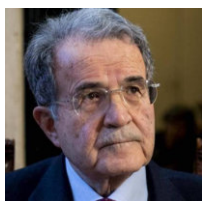


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LECTURE: **The Chineseness of political culture in the PRC**



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LECTURE: **Domestic NGO development and the work of international NGOs in China**



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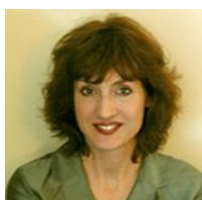


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CHINAMED ROUNDTABLE: **The Mediterranean region looks at China: challenges and opportunities of China's growing role in the region**



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Dr. Zha is a professor in the School of International Studies and Institute of South-South Cooperation and Development, Peking University. His areas of expertise include international political economy and China's international economic relations, particularly the fields of energy and natural resources, development aid and the economics-political nexus in the Asia Pacific region. In recent years his research extended to political and social risk management for Chinese corporations engaged in non-financial investments abroad, including the publication of an edited volume "Chinese Investment Overseas: case studies on environmental and social risks" and "Risk Management under the Belt and Road Initiative: economic and societal dimensions".

LECTURE: **Global Health: a Chinese perspective**



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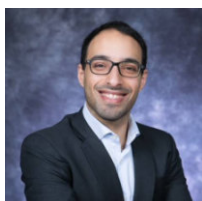
2020
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Week 1

TIME	Monday 22 JUNE	Tuesday 23 JUNE	Wednesday 24 JUNE	Thursday 25 JUNE	Friday 26 JUNE
10.00 - 12.30	Patricia THORNTON Uniquely unique? Genesis and implications of the CCP's assertive exceptionalism	FANG Jin No one left behind? Economic logic, strategies and players behind China's fight against poverty	François GODEMENT What road ahead for EU-China relations?	ZHA Daojiong China's Foreign Relations in the 2000s: a non- traditional security perspective	Marco ALIBERTI Cooperation and competition in outer space: China, Europe and the USA
	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK
15.00 - 17.30	ZHANG Xiaobo China's governance in the face of COVID-19: performance and economic implications	Juliette GENEVAZ The political implications of Xi Jinping's military reform	Sébastien BILLIOUD Yiguandao: spirituality and politics across the Sinophone ecumene	Kaiser KUO Sup China? How the American conversation on China is defining the 2020s	Duncan FREEMAN China and restriction of FDI in the EU: national or economic security?

Week 2

TIME	Monday 29 JUNE	Tuesday 30 JUNE	Wednesday 1 JULY	Thursday 2 JULY	Friday 3 JULY
10.00 - 12.30	Isabelle THIREAU From vox populi to public spirit? Investigating urban gatherings in contemporary China	Sarah KIRCHBERGER Military innovation in the maritime domain: whither China in the 2020s?	Kristin SHI-KUPFER The politics and policies defining China's digital ecosystem	Ori SELA Sino-Israeli relations from past to future	Mohammed AL-SUDAIRI China's soft power in the Arab world: from past to present
	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK
15.00 - 17.30	Sebastian VEG Hong Kong: from liberal patriotism to the rise of civic identity	Stéphanie BALME China's STI and party- nation building in the 21st Century	Anthony SAICH What the emergence of China's philanthropy means for the world	Brandon FRIEDMAN How does the changing nature of US - China relations affect ME politics? An Israeli Perspective	Mohsen SHARIATINIA Iran's China policy after COVID-19



Mohammed AL-SUDAIRI

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Mohammed Al-Sudairi is a non-resident Senior researcher and Head of the Asian Studies Unit. He has a PhD in Comparative Politics from the University of Hong Kong, a double degree (masters) from Peking University and the London School of Economics in international relations and international history, and an undergraduate degree in international politics from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. He is fluent in Arabic, English, and Mandarin. His research interests encompass Sino-Middle Eastern relations, Islamic and leftist connections between East Asia and the Arab World, and Chinese politics.

CHINAMED SYMPOSIUM: **China's soft power in the Arab world: from past to present**



Marco ALIBERTI

EUROPEAN SPACE POLICY INSTITUTE

Marco Aliberti works as Senior Research Fellow at the European Space Policy Institute (ESPI) in Vienna, Austria. In this capacity, he has led and authored a number research projects – including five books and a dozen of position papers, conference proceedings and public reports – in the areas of access to space and human spaceflight, governance and International Relations of space, and Asia's space programmes, particularly those of China, Japan and India. Prior to joining ESPI in October 2012, he held positions consistent with his academic background in East Asian Studies.

LECTURE: **Cooperation and competition in outer space: China, Europe and the USA**



Stéphanie BALME

SCIENCES PO PARIS

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LECTURE: **China's STI and party-nation building in the 21st Century**



Sébastien BILLIoud

UNIVERSITÉ DE PARIS

Sébastien Billioud is Professor of Chinese studies at Université de Paris. Based on a cross-disciplinary approach, his research explores the modern and contemporary fates of Confucianism. His main works include Thinking through Confucian Modernity (Brill, 2012), The Sage and the People (with Joël Thoraval, Oxford University Press, 2015) and Reclaiming the Wilderness, Contemporary Dynamics of the Yiguandao (Oxford University Press, september 2020).

LECTURE: **Yiguandao: spirituality and politics across the Sinophone oecumene**



FANG Jin

CHINA DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Dr. Fang Jin is a Board Member and Secretary General of China Development Research Foundation and also a research fellow at the Development Research Center (DRC) of the State Council, People's Republic of China. His main area of research is China's economic relations with the outside world; he has written extensively on China's foreign economic policy, globalization and world economy. Before joining DRC, Dr. Fang had worked in the corporate sector for many years. He holds a Doctoral degree from School of Economics, Peking University and a Master Degree and a Bachelor of Economics from Macquarie University in Australia.

LECTURE: No one left behind? Economic logic, strategies and players behind China's fight against poverty



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LECTURE: China and restriction of FDI in the EU: national or economic security?

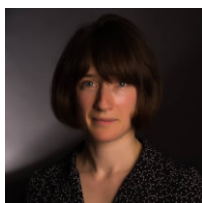


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CHINAMED SYMPOSIUM - TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY JOINT WORKSHOP: How does the changing nature of U.S. - China relations affect ME politics? An Israeli Perspective



Juliette GENEVAZ

INSTITUT DE RECHERCHE STRATÉGIQUE DE L'ECOLE MILITAIRE

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LECTURE: The political implications of Xi Jinping's military reform



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LECTURE: **What road ahead for EU-China relations?**



Sarah KIRCHBERGER

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LECTURE: **Military innovation in the maritime domain: whither China in the 2020s?**



Kaiser KUO

SINICA PODCAST

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LECTURE: **Sup China? How the American conversation on China is defining the 2020s**



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Anthony Saich is the director of the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation and Daewoo Professor of International Affairs at Harvard Kennedy School, teaching courses on comparative political institutions, democratic governance, and transitional economies with a focus on China. In his capacity as Ash Center Director, Saich also serves as the director of the Rajawali Foundation Institute for Asia and the faculty chair of the China Programs, the Asia Energy Leaders Program and the Leadership Transformation in Indonesia Program, which provide training programs for national and local Chinese and Indonesian officials.

LECTURE: **What the emergence of China's philanthropy means for the world**

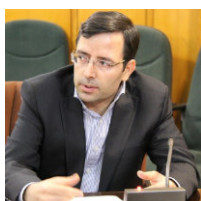


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TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

Ori Sela is a researcher and senior lecturer in the Department of East Asian Studies at Tel Aviv University, of which he is currently the Chair. He specializes in the history of Early-Modern and Modern China, and is interested particularly in the reciprocal relationship between intellectual history and socio-political history at various crossroads in China's past. The transition from China's imperial era into the nation-state building of the twentieth century, along with the crucial roles history has played and continues to play in current affairs, is another facet of his research and teaching. He works on the history of science and technology in China and is likewise interested in China's military history. Sela received his PhD from Princeton University, published in leading journals, and his 2018 book was awarded the renowned 2020 Levenson Prize.

CHINAMED SYMPOSIUM - TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY JOINT WORKSHOP: **Sino-Israeli relations from past to future**



Mohsen SHARIATINIA

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRAN

Mohsen Shariatnia is an assistant professor of International Relations at National University of Iran (Shahid Beheshti) and is a political economy fellow at Institute for Trade Studies, Tehran. His research and teaching work is mainly focused on Iran's Asia policy and evolving ties between East and West Asia. His research and analyses have appeared in peer-reviewed journals as well as Persian and English outlets.

CHINAMED SYMPOSIUM: **Iran's China policy after COVID-19**



Kristin SHI-KUPFER

MERCATOR INSTITUTE FOR CHINA STUDIES

Kristin Shi-Kupfer has a PhD in Political Science and she is director of the Research Area on Public Policy and Society, Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS), Berlin. She is also a member of several expert groups: the German Commission for Justice and Peace (the German Bishops' Conference and Central Committee of German Catholics), Sino-German cooperation on digital business models (Federal Ministry of Economy and Energy), and on rethinking Germany's foreign cultural and educational policy (Foreign Office).

LECTURE: **The politics and policies defining China's digital ecosystem**

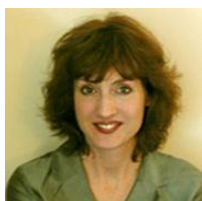


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LECTURE: **From vox populi to public spirit? Investigating urban gatherings in contemporary China**

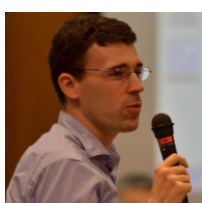


Patricia THORNTON

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

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LECTURE: **Uniquely unique? Genesis and implications of the CCP's assertive exceptionalism**



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LECTURE: **Hong Kong: from liberal patriotism to the rise of civic identity**



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LECTURE: **China's Foreign Relations in the 2000s: a non-traditional security perspective**



ZHANG Xiaobo

PEKING UNIVERSITY

Xiaobo Zhang is a distinguished chair professor of economics at the National School of Development, Peking University in China, and senior research fellow of IFPRI. He received his Ph.D. from Cornell University. His research fields include agricultural economics, development economics, and Chinese economy. His recent books include *Governing Rapid Growth in China: Equity and Institutions*, *Regional Inequality in China: Trends, Explanations and Policy Responses*, *Narratives of Chinese Economic Reforms: How Does China Cross the River?*, *Oxford Companion to the Economics of China*, and *China Regional Innovation Report*. He is the Chief Editor of *China Economic Review*. He received Sun Yefang Prize for Economics Research in China and Zhang Peigang Development Economics Outstanding Achievement Award. He is a co-PI of China Family Panel Studies (CFPS) survey and PI of Enterprise Survey for Innovation and Entrepreneurship in China (ESIEC).

LECTURE: **China's governance in the face of COVID-19: performance and economic implications**



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2019
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Week 1

TIME	Monday 24 JUNE	Tuesday 25 JUNE	Wednesday 26 JUNE	Thursday 27 JUNE	Friday 28 JUNE
09.30 - 12.30	.	Patricia THORNTON Significant Anniversaries: the PRC at 70	Patricia THORNTON What Xi Jinping owes to the Past	PU Xiaoyu China and the International Relations of status signaling	PU Xiaoyu Red mask and white mask: Chinese regional diplomacy
	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK
15.00 - 17.30	.	Rana MITTER China's Republican era: connections and contrasts with contemporary China	Andrea GHISELLI Great power doubts: China and the Middle East	Christopher McNALLY The rise of sino- capitalism: domestic dynamics	Christopher McNALLY Chaotic mélange? Sino-capitalism at the twilight of the liberal order
		Welcome aperitif (h 19.00)	City tour by bus (h 18.30)		

Week 2

TIME	Monday 1 JULY	Tuesday 2 JULY	Wednesday 3 JULY	Thursday 4 JULY	Friday 5 JULY
09.30 - 12.30	NIU Jun ZHOU Qi 40 years of PRC-USA relations: lessons learned and the road ahead	LI Cheng Who's who in the Chinese Party - State	Katherine MORTON Chimeric order? The China factor in global governance	Katherine MORTON Securing the Belt and Road Initiative	Bonnie GLASER China as a selective revisionist Power in the international order
	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK
15.00 - 17.30	François GODEMENT Whither EU-China relations in the "new era"	CHEN Dingding Making sense of US- China strategic competition in the tech and cyber domains	LI Cheng Key policy outlooks for China during Xi's second term	Bonnie GLASER The view from across the Strait: Taiwan in Xi's era	FINAL TEST
				Farewell Party (h 19.00)	



CHEN Dingding

JINAN UNIVERSITY

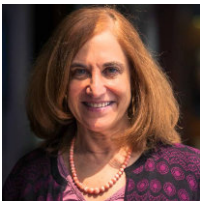
LECTURE: **Making sense of US-China strategic competition in the tech and cyber domains**



Andrea GHISELLI

FUDAN UNIVERSITY & TOCHINA HUB

LECTURE: **Great power doubts: China and the Middle East**



Bonnie GLASER

HONK KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

LECTURE: **Greater China under Xi Jinping: views from Hong Kong and Taiwan** ROUNDTABLE:
Eurasian connectivity in a fragmented world: whither Belt and Road?



François GODEMENT

INSTITUT MONTAIGNE

LECTURE: **Whither EU-China relations in the "new era"**



LI Cheng

JOHN L. THORNTON CHINA CENTRE & BROOKINGS

LECTURE: **Who's who in the Chinese Party - State**

LECTURE: **Key policy outlooks for China during Xi Jinping's second term**



Christopher McNALLY

EAST-WEST CENTER & CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY

LECTURE: **The rise of sino-capitalism: domestic dynamics**

LECTURE: **Chaotic mélange? Sino-capitalism at the twilight of the liberal order**



Rana MITTER

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

LECTURE: **China's Republican era: connections and contrasts with contemporary China**



Katherine MORTON

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

LECTURE: **Securing the Belt and Road Initiative**

LECTURE: **Chimeric order? The China factor in global governance**



NIU Jun

PEKING UNIVERSITY

LECTURE: **40 years of PRC-USA relations: lessons learned and the road ahead**

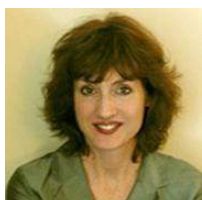


PU Xiaoyu

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA RENO

LECTURE: **China and the International Relations of status signaling**

LECTURE: **Red mask and white mask: Chinese regional diplomacy**



Patricia THORNTON

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

LECTURE: **Significant Anniversaries: the PRC at 70**

LECTURE: **What Xi Jinping owes to the Past**



ZHOU Qi

CHINESE ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

LECTURE: **40 years of PRC-USA relations: lessons learned and the road ahead**



SUMMER
SCHOOL

2018
EDITION

Week 1

TIME	Monday 25 JUNE	Tuesday 26 JUNE	Wednesday 27 JUNE	Thursday 28 JUNE	Friday 29 JUNE
09.30 - 12.30	Patricia THORNTON The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and how it governs	CABESTAN / PU Eurasian connectivity in a fragmented world: whither Belt and Road?	Daniele BRIGADOI COLOGNA Chineseness beyond China: the evolving identities of the Chinese diaspora	Marco ALIBERTI "All above Heaven": the outlook of China's outer space strategy and its global repercussions	Bates GILL China matters: getting it right for Australia and the Pacific
	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK
15.00 - 17.30	Jean Pierre CABESTAN Greater China under Xi Jinping: views from Hong Kong and Taiwan	PU Xiaoyu Rebranding China: status signaling and changing global order	GILL / MORTON / PU China's centenary goals and the regional balance of power in the Western Pacific	Katherine MORTON Securing the success of the Belt and Road Initiative: an assessment 5 years on	FREE TIME
	Welcome Aperitif (h 19.00)	Sightseeing tour (h 18.30)			

Week 2

TIME	Monday 2 JULY	Tuesday 3 JULY	Wednesday 4 JULY	Thursday 5 JULY	Friday 6 JULY
09.30 - 12.30	LI Cheng Who's who in the Chinese Party - State after the 19th CPC national congress and the 2018 <i>lianghui</i>	LI Cheng Key policy outlooks for China during Xi Jinping's second term	Mohsen SHARIATINIA Heart of the Silk Road? Sino-Iranian relations in an age of uncertainty	LIU Hongxia Future trends for socialist rule of law in pursuit of China's two centennial goals	CONFERENCE China's role in the Balkans: regional perspectives
	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK
15.00 - 17.30	Susan SHIRK China one decade on: still a "fragile superpower"?	Susan SHIRK US-China relations in a shifting global order	WANG Jianye The impact of the Belt and Road Initiative on China's domestic economy and global growth: a view from the financial sector	WANG Jianye China's reform and opening up at 40: what future for market socialism with Chinese characteristics?	FINAL TEST
				Farewell Party (h 19.00)	



Marco ALIBERTI

EUROPEAN SPACE POLICY INSTITUTE

LECTURE: “All above Heaven”: the outlook of China’s outer space strategy and its global repercussions



Daniele BRIGADOI COLOGNA

UNIVERSITY OF INSUBRIA & TORINO WORLD AFFAIRS INSTITUTE

LECTURE: Chineseness beyond China: the evolving identities of the Chinese diaspora



Jean-Pierre CABESTAN

HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

LECTURE: Greater China under Xi Jinping: views from Hong Kong and Taiwan
ROUNDTABLE: Eurasian connectivity in a fragmented world: whither Belt and Road?



Bates GILL

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

LECTURE: China matters: getting it right for Australia and the Pacific

ROUNDTABLE: China’s centenary goals and the regional balance of power in the Western Pacific



LI Cheng

JOHN L. THORNTON CHINA CENTRE & BROOKINGS

LECTURE: Who’s who in the Chinese Party - State after the 19th CPC national congress and the 2018 lianghui

LECTURE: Key policy outlooks for China during Xi Jinping’s second term



LIU Hongxia

NYU SHANGHAI

LECTURE: Future trends for socialist rule of law in pursuit of China's two centennial goals



Katherine MORTON

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

LECTURE: **Securing the success of the Belt and Road Initiative: an assessment 5 years on**

ROUNDTABLE: **China's centenary goals and the regional balance of power in the Western Pacific**



PU Xiaoyu

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA RENO

LECTURE: **Rebranding China: status signaling and changing global order**

ROUNDTABLE: **Eurasian connectivity in a fragmented world: whither Belt and Road?**

ROUNDTABLE: **China's centenary goals and the regional balance of power in the Western Pacific**



Mohsen SHARIATINIA

SHAHID BEHESHTI UNIVERSITY

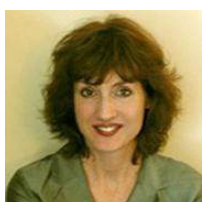
LECTURE: **Heart of the Silk Road? Sino-Iranian relations in an age of uncertainty**



Susan SHIRK

UC SAN DIEGO

LECTURE: **China one decade on: still a "fragile superpower"? LECTURE: US-China relations in a shifting global order**



Patricia THORNTON

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

LECTURE: **The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and how it governs**



WANG Jianye

GUANGZHOU INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCE & NYU SHANGHAI

LECTURE: **The impact of the Belt and Road Initiative on China's domestic economy and global growth: a view from the financial sector**

LECTURE: **China's reform and opening up at 40: what future for market socialism with Chinese characteristics?**



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2017
EDITION

WEEK 1	Monday 26 June	Tuesday 27 June	Wednesday 28 June	Thursday 29 June	Friday 30 June
09.30 - 12.30	Robert ROSS <i>Power transitions and war: U.S.-China relations and the prospects for peace</i>	Patricia THORNTON <i>Back to the future: Mao's Cultural Revolution, then and now</i>	Kent DENG <i>China's political economy in modern times: changes and continuity, 1800-2020</i>	LI Cheng <i>Elite politics in China and the 19th Party Congress</i>	Chen Changwei <i>From new world order to new great powers concert? China's worldview and post-韬光养晦 foreign policy posture</i>
12.30 - 15.00	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break
15.00 - 17.30	Patricia THORNTON <i>From party-state to state-party: the transformation of the CCP over time</i>	Robert ROSS <i>East Asia responds to the rise of China: bandwagoning or balancing?</i>	XU Qiyu <i>The evolution of China's national security doctrine and future perspectives after the 2016 PLA reform</i>	XU Qiyu <i>Defending China's global interests along the "Silk roads": the challenges facing the PLA in the context of the BRI</i>	LI Cheng <i>Reaching for the apex of power: the political cursus honorum in the CCP</i>
19.00	Welcome aperitif	Sightseeing tour of Torino (h. 18:30)			

WEEK 2	Monday 3 July	Tuesday 4 July	Wednesday 5 July	Thursday 6 July	Friday 7 July
09.30 - 12.30	ZHA Daojiong <i>Heading towards a "New Normal"? Major lessons from China's four decades of growth</i>	ZHA Daojiong <i>China and the global economic order: what it took and what it can contribute</i>	Sarah KIRCHBERGER <i>Political dynamics and regional stability in the Western Pacific: the cases of Taiwan and the South China Sea</i>	Giovanni ANDORNINO <i>Endpoints of the Silk Roads: China's changing footprint in the Euro-Mediterranean region</i>	Final exam
12.30 - 15.00	Lunch break (12.30 – 14.00)	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	
15.00 - 17.30	Douglas PAAL <i>Shaping the US China policy: lessons from history and perspectives in the Trump-Xi era</i> (14.00 - 16.30)	Douglas PAAL / CAO Hui <i>Trends and perspectives for MENA regional stability and the role of US and China</i>	CAO Hui <i>China's Europe agenda: Brexit, 16+1 and global governance</i>	Christopher COKER <i>Still an improbable war? The US, China and the logic of great power conflict</i>	
	Guided tour of MAO (h. 16.30 – 17.30)			Farewell Party (h. 19.00)	



Giovanni ANDORNINO

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LECTURE | **Endpoints of the Silk Roads: China's changing footprint in the Euro- Mediterranean region**



CAO Hui

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LECTURE | **Trends and perspectives for MENA regional stability and the role of US and China**

LECTURE | **China's Europe agenda: Brexit, 16+1 and global governance**



CHEN Changwei

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LECTURE | **From new world order to new great powers concert? China's worldview and post-foreign policy posture**



Christopher COKER

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LECTURE | **Still an improbable war? The US, China and the logic of great power conflict**



Kent DENG

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LECTURE | **China's political economy in modern times: changes and continuity, 1800-2020**



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LECTURE | **Political dynamics and regional stability in the Western Pacific: the cases of Taiwan and the South China Sea**



LI Cheng

Cheng Li is director of the John L. Thornton China Center and a senior fellow in the Foreign Policy program at Brookings. He is also a director of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. Li focuses on the transformation of political leaders, generational change and technological development in China. Li is also the author or the editor of numerous books, including "China's Leaders: The New Generation" (2001), "China's Political Development: Chinese and American Perspectives" (2014), "Chinese Politics in the Xi Jinping Era: Reassessing Collective Leadership" (2016), and "The Power of Ideas: The Rising Influence of Thinkers and Think Tanks in China" (forthcoming). He is currently completing a book manuscript with the working title "Middle Class Shanghai: Pioneering China's Global Integration." He is the principal editor of the Thornton Center Chinese Thinkers Series published by the Brookings Institution Press.

LECTURE | [Elite politics and the 19th Party Congress](#)

LECTURE | [Reaching for the apex of power: the political cursus honorum in the CCP](#)



Douglas PAAL

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LECTURE | [Shaping the US China policy: lessons from history and perspectives in the Trump-Xi era](#)

LECTURE | [Trends and perspectives for MENA regional stability and the role of US and China](#)



Robert ROSS

Robert S. Ross is a professor of political science at Boston College, associate of the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies at Harvard University, senior advisor of the security studies program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He is one of the foremost American specialists on Chinese foreign and defense policy and U.S.-China relations.

LECTURE | [Power transitions and war: U.S.-China relations and the prospects for peace](#)

LECTURE | [East Asia responds to the rise of China: bandwagoning or balancing?](#)



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LECTURE | **From party-state to state-party: the transformation of the CCP over time**

LECTURE | **Back to the future: Mao's Cultural Revolution, then and now**



XU Qiyu

Sr. Col. Xu Qiyu is the deputy director of the Institute for Strategic Studies of the National Defense University, specializing in regional security and maritime security. He has also been employed as special advisor or researcher by the Defense Ministry, Academy for Military Sciences (AMS) and Peking University. In 2003, he was selected as the member of Sino-US Young Leaders Forum. In 2010, he was elected as member of the 11th Committee of All-China Youth Federation. He published quite a few academic articles, focusing on international politics and regional security. Dr. Xu received his M. A. in 2000 in National Defense University, PLA, and Ph.D in international politics in the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). He worked as visiting scholar in the Institute of Security and Development Policy in Stockholm.

LECTURE | **The evolution of China's national security doctrine and future perspectives after the 2016 PLA reform**

LECTURE | **Defending China's global interests along the "Silk roads": the challenges facing the PLA in the context of the BRI**



ZHA Daojiong

Dr. Zha Daojiong is a Professor of International Political Economy at the School of International Studies, Peking University, and an expert in Chinese energy policies and food and water security in Asia. Dr. Zha is also active in consulting with Chinese government agencies, having been invited to join the board of counselors of the Chinese Association for International Understanding (under the administration of Department of International Affairs, the Chinese Communist Party), the China People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (under the administration of Ministry of Foreign Affairs), and the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (under the administration of Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

LECTURE | **Heading towards a "New Normal"? Major lessons from China's four decades of growth**

LECTURE | **China and the global economic order: what it took and what it can contribute**



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WEEK 1	Monday 4 July	Tuesday 5 July	Wednesday 6 July	Thursday 7 July	Friday 8 July
09.30 - 12.30	Luigi TOMBA <i>The high-rise and the farm. The domestic and global consequences of making China "urban" and its peasants "citizens"</i>	Ben HILLMAN <i>China's ethnic policies and the troubles in Tibet and Xinjiang</i>	Sarah KIRCHBERGER <i>China's naval power in the context of the current comprehensive military reforms</i>	Kent DENG <i>China's political economy in modern times: changes and continuity, 1800-2020</i>	Kairat KELIMBETOV / Alexander VAN de PUTTE <i>Sustainable competitiveness along the Silk Road: an emerging markets perspective</i>
12.30 - 15.00	Lunch and afternoon break	Lunch with Editor	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch and afternoon break
15.00 - 17.30	Francesco SISCI <i>Approaching the Party Congress: Xi's challenges toward the China Dream</i> (h. 17 – 19 at Circolo dei Lettori , Via Bogino 9)	Luigi TOMBA <i>The high-rise and the farm. The domestic and global consequences of making China "urban" and its peasants "citizens"</i>	CHEN Zhimin <i>China, the European Union and the reshaping of world order</i>	Sarah KIRCHBERGER <i>Politics, perceptions and policies in China-Taiwan relations</i>	NIU Xinchun <i>An appraisal of China's role in the wider Mediterranean region: current developments, future perspectives</i> (h. 16.30 – 19.00)
19.00	Welcome aperitif at Circolo dei Lettori	Sightseeing tour of Torino (h. 18:30)			

WEEK 2	Tuesday 12 July	Wednesday 13 July	Thursday 14 July	Friday 15 July
09.30 - 12.30	Jean François HUCHET <i>Reforming China's economy: the painful and perilous path towards a new mode of growth</i>	Patricia THORNTON <i>The CCP at the grassroots: civil society with Chinese characteristics</i>	Patricia THORNTON <i>Looking back at the Cultural Revolution: what we have learned after 50 years</i>	Daniele BRIGADOI COLOGNA <i>The rise of second-generation Chinese-Europeans and their call for social, cultural and political recognition: the case of Italy</i>
12.30 - 15.00	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break
15.00 - 17.30	JIA Qingguo <i>The state of US-China relations ahead of the November elections and the XIX CPC congress</i>	Jean François HUCHET <i>Responding to the environment crisis – China's public policies between new voluntarism and old problems</i>	Daniele BRIGADOI COLOGNA <i>Overseas Chinese and China's identity politics: reframing the history of migration as a nation-building epic</i>	Final exam
19.00			Farewell Party	



Daniele BRIGADOI COLOGNA

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LECTURE | **Overseas Chinese and China's identity politics: reframing the history of migration as a nation-building epic**

LECTURE | **The rise of second generation Chinese-Europeans and their call for social, cultural and political recognition: the case of Italy**



CHEN Zhimin

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LECTURE | **China, the European Union and the reshaping of world order**



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LECTURE | **China's ethnic policies and the troubles in Tibet and Xinjiang**



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LECTURE | **The state of US-China relations ahead of the November elections and the XIX CPC congress**



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LECTURE | **Sustainable competitiveness along the Silk Road: an emerging markets perspective**



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LECTURE | **China's naval power in the context of the current comprehensive military reforms**

LECTURE | **Politics, perceptions and policies in China-Taiwan relations**



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Prof. Niu is the Director of the Institute of West Asian and African Studies at the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR). He was born in Shanxi province in 1970 and graduated in 1993 in History at Shanxi Normal University. In 1996 he obtained his Master Degree in History at Jilin University, and in 2006 his PhD in International Politics at CICIR. In the same year, he became Deputy Director of the Institute of American Studies at CICIR. In 2011 he was appointed Director for CICIR's Institute of West Asian and African Studies.

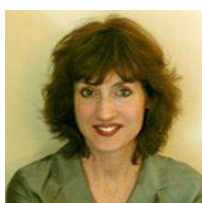
LECTURE | An appraisal of China's role in the wider Mediterranean region: current developments, future perspectives



Francesco Sisci

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LECTURE | Approaching the Party Congress: Xi's challenges toward the China Dream



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LECTURE | The CCP at the grassroots: civil society with Chinese characteristics

LECTURE | Looking back at the Cultural Revolution: what have we learned after 50 Years



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LECTURE | The high-rise and the farm. The domestic and global consequences of making-China "urban" and its peasants "citizens"



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09.30 - 12.30	Kent DENG <i>China's political economy in modern times: changes and continuity, 1800-2000</i>	LIANG Zhiping <i>The Rule of Morality, Rule of Law and Rule of the Party from a historical perspective</i> (Classroom D1, Campus Luigi Einaudi)	Geremie BARME' <i>Dreaming History in the age of the China Dream</i> (MAO - Museo d'Arte Orientale, Via San Domenico 11)	Luigi TOMBA <i>Dreaming about cities. China's structural and moral dilemmas of urbanization</i>	Edward LUTTWAK <i>China as a regional power</i>	OrizzonteCina Summer Symposium K. KELIMBETOV E. LUTTWAK XIE T. A. VAN de PUTTE A. KORTUNOV ZAN T. R. PANTUCCI E. REVIGLIO R. PRODI
12.30 - 15.00	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch with Editor	Lunch break	Lunch break
15.00 - 17.30	LIANG Zhiping <i>The Socialist Rule of Law with Chinese characteristics: what, why and how?</i>	Christopher McNALLY <i>Sino-Capitalism in the Xi Jinping era: rebalancing the economy, refurbishing the Party-State</i>	Christopher McNALLY <i>China's international re-emergence: Sino-Capitalism goes global</i>	Geremie BARME' <i>Shared Destiny in the age of the China Dream</i> (MAO)	Edward LUTTWAK <i>China as a global power</i>	
19.00	Welcome aperitif	Sightseeing tour of Torino				

WEEK 2	Monday 6 July	Tuesday 7 July	Wednesday 8 July	Thursday 9 July	Friday 10 July
09.30 - 12.30	Andrey KORTUNOV <i>The domestic and international politics of Sino-Russian relations</i>	XIE Tao <i>China and the AIIB: the politics of reforming global financial institutions</i>	Flora SAPIO <i>Rule of Law and Socialist Rule of Law with Chinese Characteristics: The Rule and the Exception?</i>	Patricia THORNTON <i>50 years on: the enduring impact of the Chinese Cultural Revolution</i>	Giovanni ANDORNINO <i>The endpoint of China's "One Belt, One Road initiative": assessing the impact of China's re-emergence on the Euro-Mediterranean region.</i>
12.30 - 15.00	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break	Lunch break
15.00 - 17.30	ZAN Tao <i>The Mediterranean endpoint of China's One Road One Belt initiative: the role of Turkey from the historical perspective</i>	Andrey KORTUNOV <i>The changing landscapes of global order after the global financial crisis</i>	Patricia THORNTON <i>Civil society or People's society? The CCP at the grassroots level</i>	Flora SAPIO <i>Interpreting CCP Ideology in Xi Jinping's China</i>	Final exam
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LECTURE | **The endpoint of China's "One Belt, One Road initiative": assessing the impact of China's re-emergence on the Euro-Mediterranean region**



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LECTURE | **Dreaming History in the age of the China Dream**

LECTURE | **Shared Destiny in the age of the China Dream**



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Andrey KORTUNOV

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LECTURE | **The domestic and international politics of Sino-Russian relations**

LECTURE | **The changing landscapes of global order after the global financial crisis**

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LIANG Zhiping

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LECTURE | **The Socialist Rule of Law with Chinese characteristics: what, why and how?**

LECTURE | **The Rule of Virtue (), Rule of Law (), and Rule of the Party () from a historical perspective**



Edward LUTTWAK

Edward Luttwak is an American military strategist, political scientist, and historian who has published works on military strategy, history, and international relations. He has served as a consultant to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council, the United States Department of State, the United States Navy, United States Army, United States Air Force, and several NATO defense ministries. He received his Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University and his latest book is *The Rise of China vs. the Logic of Strategy* (Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2012).

LECTURE | **China as a regional power**

LECTURE | **China as a global power**

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Christopher McNALLY

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LECTURE | **Sino-Capitalism in the Xi Jinping era: rebalancing the economy, refurbishing the Partystate**

LECTURE | **China's international reemergence: SinoCapitalism goes global**



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Romano PRODI

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LECTURE | [Zones of exception in the PRC legal system](#)

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LECTURE | **China and the AIIB: the politics of reforming global financial institutions**

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LECTURE | **The Mediterranean endpoint of China's One Road One Belt initiative: the role of Turkey from the historical perspective**

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KEYNOTE SPEECH

Kairat **KELIMBETOV** (Governor of the National Bank of Kazakhstan, KZ)
chair: Giovanni **ANDORNINO** (University of Torino and Editor of *OrizzonteCina*, IT)

10.00

ROUND TABLE

Edward **LUTTWAK** (Center for Strategic and International Studies, US)
XIE Tao (Beijing Foreign Studies University, CN)
Alexander **VAN de PUTTE** (IE Business School and National Investment Corporation, KZ)
Andrey **KORTUNOV** (Russian International Affairs Council, RU)
ZAN Tao (Peking University, CN)
Raffaello **PANTUCCI** (Royal United Services Institute, GB)
Edoardo **REVIGLIO** (Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, IT)
chair: Enrico **FARDELLA** (Deputy Director of CMAS, Peking University and T.wai, CN)

12.30

CLOSING REMARKS

Romano **PRODI** (Former President of the European Commission and former Prime Minister of Italy, IT)
chair: Anna **CAFFARENA** (University of Torino and President of T.wai, IT)

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12.30 - 15.00	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>
15.00 - 17.30	Kent DENG China's political economy in modern times: changes and continuity, 1800-2000	Jean François HUCHET Prospects for Sino-Indian relations after the leadership changes in Beijing and Delhi	Patricia THORNTON Revolution and dissent: a comment to "The Revolutionary" documentary	Kjeld Erik BRØDSGAARD Reform or perish? Winners, losers and clock-speed in SOEs reform after the 2013 Third Plenum	China Room Conversations conference	China Room Conversations conference
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18.00	TOChina Alumni <i>Business & Work in China aperitif</i>					

Naser AL TAMIMI

Dr. Al Tamimi is a UK-based Middle East analyst, and author of *China-Saudi Arabia Relations, 1990-2012: Marriage of Convenience or Strategic Alliance?* (Routledge, 2013). He is an Al Arabiya columnist, with a particular interest in energy politics, the political economy of the Gulf, and Middle East-Asia relations.

LECTURE | **China's engagement with the GCC countries in the context of the "Arab spring"**

Kjeld Erik BRØDSGAARD

Professor Brødsgaard is a political scientist and director of the Asia Research Center at Copenhagen Business School. His research focuses on China's governance and political economy, in particular reform of State-Owned enterprises, élite circulation in the Chinese Party-State, and cadre and person- nel management in the Chinese Communist Party. His latest book, *Globalization and Public Sector Reform in China*, was published in 2014 by Routledge.

LECTURE | **Spoils system and revolving doors à la chinoise: élite mobility and the PartyState**

LECTURE | **Reform or perish? Winners, losers and clockspeed in State-Owned enterprises reform after the 2013 Third Plenum**

Kent DENG

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LECTURE | **China's political economy in modern times: changes and continuity, 1800-2000**

FU Chenggang

Dr. Fu is Director of Research and International Outreach at Boyuan Foundation (), one of China's most influential independent think tanks.

LECTURE | **What role for independent foundations and thinktanks in China? The case of Boyuan**

TALK OVER A CAFFE' | **Firms and financial infrastructure in China: competition, regulation and politics**

Jean François HUCHET

Prof. Huchet is a Professor of China Economic Development and Comparative Development in Asia at INALCO, Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Paris. A former director of the Centre d'études français sur la Chine contemporaine (CEFC) and editor of *Perspectives chinoises*, Jean-François's research covers China's political economy as well as its relations with India and foreign policy towards Central Asia.

LECTURE | **Making sense of China's state capitalism after the global financial crisis**

LECTURE | **Prospects for Sino-Indian relations after the leadership changes in Beijing and Delhi**

LIANG Yabin

Dr. Liang is an Assistant Research Fellow at the Institute for International and Strategic Studies of the Party School of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party.

LECTURE | **Does Beijing have a grand strategy? The changing international order and China's foreign policy**

LECTURE | **The role of the Central Party School and the evolving spectrum of debated policies from Hu Yaobang to Xi Jinping**

Katherine MORTON

Dr Katherine Morton is currently the Associate Dean for Research in the College of Asia and the Pacific. She is a specialist on China and International Relations with a particular focus on non-traditional security and global governance. She is currently involved in two major collaborative research projects on 'China and the Global Governance of Food Security' with Indiana University and on 'Climate Change and Water Security across the Himalayan-Tibetan Plateau' with the Chinese Academy of Sciences. She has also recently completed a Ford Foundation funded collaborative research project on Sino-Australian security relations. Dr Morton was a Senior Associate Member of St Antony's College, Oxford University, from August 2008 until July 2009.

LECTURE | **Who Makes the Rules? China and Global Food Security**

LECTURE | **China's Maritime Power and the South and East China Seas**

NIU Xinchun

Dr. Niu is the Director of the Institute of Middle Eastern Studies at the China Institutes for Contemporary International Relations ().

LECTURE | **The strategic impact of US rebalancing on West Asia and Northern Africa**

Yitzhak SHICHOR

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LECTURE | **Beijing's Xinjiang policy and its impact on China's engagement with West Asia and Northern Africa**

Patricia THORNTON

Dr. Patricia M. Thornton is a political scientist whose research interests span the political, socio-economic, and cultural history of modern China. She received her PhD in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, and previously served as the Director of the Institute for Asian Studies at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon. She is now an Associate Professor of Chinese Politics at the University of Oxford.

LECTURE | **Civil society or People's? The CCP at the grassroots level**

DOCUMENTARY & COMMENT | **Revolution and dissent: a comment to "The Revolutionary"**

Luigi TOMBA

Dr. Tomba is a political scientist whose work has long been concerned with political and social change in urban China. Luigi's knowledge of China is the result of academic training, research activities in different parts of China, long periods of incountry fieldwork, policy work, and a professional involvement with the China studies academic community in Australia and internationally as the editor of *The China Journal*.

LECTURE | **The moral governance of inequality: historicizing China's wealth and poverty**

CENTRO EINAUDI KEYNOTE SPEECH | **The Chinese middle class going global? The internationalization of Chinese household strategies**

TALK OVER A CAFFE' | **Getting published in China studies: tips from a journal Editor**

The 2014 China Room Conversations conference will be focussing on China's evolving role in the Mediterranean space, that is – to innovate from Chinese geopolitical jargon – at the intersection of Southern Europe and the West Asia – Northern Africa region.

	Friday 27 June	Saturday 28 June
Morning	9.00: Opening remarks Anna CAFFARENA 9.30: Panel 1. China in the WANA region: a Chinese perspective (Enrico FARDELLA, NIU Xinchun, WANG Jinyan) 11.00: coffee break 11.30: Panel 2. China in the WANA region: a regional perspective (Naser AL-TAMIMI, Altay ATLI, Pietro SFERRA CARINI, Yitzhak SHICHOR)	9.00: Keynote speech Kairat KELIMBETOV: "The continental dimension of China's 'Go Out / Go West' policies: the New Silk Road as seen from Central Asia" 10.30: coffee break 11.00: Panel 4: EU and Italy's changing roles in the WANA region (Massimo DEANDREIS, Ettore GRECO, Ruth SANTINI, Pietro SFERRA CARINI)
13.00	Lunch break	Lunch break
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Enrico FARDELLA

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CONVENOR | **Dr. Fardella is the Convenor of the China Room Conversation conference 2014**



Romano PRODI

Mr. Prodi has an extensive career in international diplomacy, academia and at the helm of international organizations. He served as Prime Minister of Italy from 2006 to 2008 and from 1996 to 1998. Mr. Prodi also served as President of the European Commission from 1999 to 2005, overseeing the introduction of the euro, the enlargement of the European Union to ten countries from Central, Eastern and Southern Europe, and the treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe. Earlier, Mr. Prodi served as Italian Minister of Industry (1978-1979) and head of the Institute for Industrial Reconstruction. After serving as the Prime Minister, Mr. Prodi continued to work in academia and international diplomacy. He held academic teaching positions at Brown University and at the China Europe International Business School. He continues to serve as President of the Foundation for Worldwide Cooperation, whose objective is to tackle “social, cultural, political issues in the world”, developing and offering new proposals of cooperation in the international context. In 2008, he served as Chairman of the United Nations African Union Highlevel Panel for Peacekeeping in Africa.

KEYNOTE SPEECH | **A sea of opportunities: EU and China in the Mediterranean**



Kairat KELIMBETOV

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KEYNOTE SPEECH | **The continental dimension of China’s “Go Out / Go West” policies: the New Silk Road as seen from Central Asia**

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CONTRIBUTION | **China’s “rise” in the Gulf: a Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) perspective**



Giovanni ANDORNINO

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LECTURE | Sino-Italian relations in a turbulent Mediterranean: wider horizons, strategic ambitions

Altay ATLI (co-convenor)

Dr. Atli is a Lecturer at the Asian Studies program of Boğaziçi University in Istanbul and the coordinator of the Asian Studies Center at the same institution. He received a B.A. in Economics from Boğaziçi University, an M.A. in International Business from Deakin University in Melbourne, and completed his Ph.D. at the Department of Political Science and International Relations of Boğaziçi University. Dr. Atli is a research associate at the Center for Research on Globalization and Democratic Governance (GLODEM) of Koç University in Istanbul, and a Global Emerging Voices Fellow for the year 2012. His previous work experience includes positions at the Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey, Australian Trade Commission and Bahçeşehir University's AsiaPacific Research Center. Dr. Atli's research interests cover the political economy of Turkish foreign policy, international political economy with an Asian focus, and Turkey's relations with Asian countries.

CONTRIBUTION | A view from Ankara: Turkey's relations with China in a changing Middle East



Anna CAFFARENA

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CHAIR | Prof. Caffarena will chair the opening panel of the conference: “China in the West Asia-Northern Africa region (WANA): a Chinese perspective”

Yue CAO

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DISCUSSANT | Mr. Cao will act as discussant for panel 5: "The energy factor: UE, China and the Mediterranean region in the post-hydrocarbon era"



Massimo DEANDREIS

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CONTRIBUTION | Italian FDI and trade relations with WANA region in comparison with trade flows of other Western countries and China



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DISCUSSANT | Dr. Dossi will act as discussant for panel 2: "China in the WANA region: a regional perspective"

Paolo FARAH

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CONTRIBUTION | New Offshore Natural Gas Resources in the Levantine: a Legal and Geopolitical Perspective



Giuseppe GABUSI

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CHAIR | Dr. Gabusi will chair panel 3: “China in the Mediterranean region: a perspective from Southern Europe”

Enrico GRANARA

Mr. Granara is an Italian career diplomat now serving in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome, as Second Deputy Director General for the Mashreq, Maghreb and Gulf Countries, and coordinator for the Mediterranean and GCC Multilateral Initiatives. His previous assignments include: Counselor for International Affairs at the Italian Ministry of Defence – Center for High Defence Studies (2011-2013); Ambassador of Italy of the State of Kuwait (2008-2011); Head of the Italian Diplomatic Professional Association within the MoFA (2005-2007); Consul General of Italy in Chicago (Midwest Region) (1999-2003); Italian Deputy Head of Mission in Mexico (1995-1999); Deputy Head of the

Middle East Desk, Political Dept. in the MoFA (1992- -1995); Consul General of Italy in Jeddah (1990-1992). Mr. Granara was born in 1955 in Asmara (Eritrea) to an Italian family and raised there until completion of the Italian High School (“Liceo”). He graduated in Political Sciences – International Relations at the University of Padova in 1978 and in 1981-1982 attended post graduate training at the Diplomatic Foundation in Florence and at the Institute for Foreign Trade, Rome/Reggio Emilia.

CONTRIBUTION | [Italian policies in the Mediterranean](#)

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CONTRIBUTION | [China's policy choices in North Africa](#)

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CONTRIBUTION | [China's policy choices in West Asia](#)

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CONTRIBUTION | [Sino-Spanish relations in the Western Mediterranean](#)

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CHAIR | Dr. Pirozzi will chair panel 4: “The EU and Italy’s changing roles in the Mediterranean region”

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CHAIR | Dr. Prodi will chair panel 5: “The energy factor: UE, China and the Mediterranean region in the post-hydrocarbon era”

Nicolò RUSSO PEREZ

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DISCUSSANT | Mr. Russo Perez will act as discussant for panel 1: “China in the West Asia – Northern Africa region: a Chinese perspective”

Ruth SANTINI

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CONTRIBUTION | **The EU and MENA: what debates are we having?**

Alexander SCEBERRAS TRIGONA

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CONTRIBUTION | **China's soft power: an analysis from the center of the Mediterranean**

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