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STORMY WATERS BRIGHT HORIZONS?

CHINA AND EUROPE'S CHANGING ROLES
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Per assistere alla conferenza è necessario registrarsi,
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FRIDAY, JUNE 27

Sala Lauree Rossa - Campus Luigi Einaudi, Lungodora Siena 100/A

9.00 | 9.30

OPENING REMARKS

Anna Caffarena (President of the Torino World Affairs Institute, T.wai)

9.30 | 11.00

PANEL 1.

CHINA IN THE WEST ASIA-NORTHERN AFRICA REGION (WANA): A CHINESE PERSPECTIVE

chair

Giovanni Andornino (University of Torino and T.wai)

Niu Xinchun (China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, CICIR)

China's policy choices in West Asia

Ma Xiaolin (Middle East Academy in China)

China's policy choices in North Africa

Enrico Fardella (Peking University and T.wai)

China's debate on foreign policy options in WANA region: a European critical analysis

discussant

Nicolò Russo Perez (Compagnia di San Paolo)

11.30 | 12.30

KEYNOTE SPEECH:

ROMANO PRODI (Former President of the European Commission)

A sea of opportunities: EU and China in the Mediterranean

12.30 | 14.00

LUNCH

14.00 | 15.30

PANEL 2.

CHINA IN THE WANA REGION: A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE

chair

Enrico Fardella (Peking University and T.wai)

Altay Atli (Bogazici University, Turkey)

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

Yitzhak Shichor (University of Haifa, Israel)

China-Israel relations in a Middle Eastern context: retrospect and prospects

Naser Al-Tamimi (Al Arabiya, United Arab Emirates)

China's "rise" in the Gulf: a Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) perspective

discussant

Simone Dossi (T.wai)

16.00 | 18.00

PANEL 3.

CHINA IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION: A PERSPECTIVE FROM SOUTHERN EUROPE

chair

Giuseppe Gabusi (University of Torino and T.wai)

Giovanni Andornino (University of Torino and T.wai)

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

Marina Skordeli (University of Athens, Greece)

New horizons in Greek-Chinese relations: prospects for the Eastern Mediterranean

Alexander Sceberras Trigona (Special Envoy of the Prime Minister, Malta)

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

Pablo Pareja (Pompeu Fabra University, Spain)

Sino-Spanish relations in the Western Mediterranean

discussant

Pietro Sferra Carini (Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, MAE)

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Sala Colonne - Palazzo Civico, Piazza Palazzo di Città 1

9.00 | 10.30

KEYNOTE SPEECH: KAIRAT KELIMBETOV

(Governor of Kazakhstan Central Bank and former Deputy Prime Minister of Kazakhstan)

**The continental dimension of China's "Go Out / Go West" policies:
the New Silk Road as seen from Central Asia**

11.00 | 13.00

PANEL 4.

EU AND ITALY'S CHANGING ROLES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

chair

Nicoletta Pirozzi (Istituto Affari Internazionali, IAI)

Ruth Santini (University of Naples, Italy)

The EU and MENA: what debates are we having?

Enrico Granara (MAE)

Italian policies in the Mediterranean

Massimo Deandreis (Studi e Ricerche sul Mezzogiorno, SRM)

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

discussant

Alberto Tonini (University of Florence, Italy)

13.00 | 14.30

LUNCH

14.30 | 16.30

PANEL 5.

THE ENERGY FACTOR: EU, CHINA AND THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION IN THE POST-HYDROCARBON ERA

chair

Giorgio Prodi (University of Ferrara, Italy)

Xu Xiaojie (Chinese Academy of Social Science, CASS)

Chinese energy interests and responses toward WANA region

Sandro Furlan (ENI Corporate University)

Italian energy security connections in the Mediterranean

Mehmet Ögütçü (Global Resource Corporation)

**China's energy outreach to West Asia and North Africa in the context
of the game-changers in world energy**

discussant

Paolo Farah (West Virginia University)

**New offshore natural gas resources in the Levantine:
a legal and geopolitical perspective**

Yue Cao (T.wai)

16.30

CONCLUSIONS