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# STORMY WATERS BRIGHT HORIZONS?

CHINA AND EUROPE'S CHANGING ROLES  
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

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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**

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**

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 Hanau Santini (University of Naples "L'Orientale", Italy)

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

Enrico Granara (MAE)

**Italian policies in the Mediterranean**

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

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

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**

Paolo Farah (West Virginia University)

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

discussant Yue Cao (T.wai)

### 16.30 **CONCLUSIONS**