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**

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| 9.30 - 11.00 | PANEL 1.  
**CHINA IN THE WEST ASIA-NORTHERN AFRICA REGION (WANA): A CHINESE PERSPECTIVE**  |
| 9.30 - 11.00 | **Chair:** Giovanni Andornino (University of Torino and T.wai)  
**Niu Xinchun** (China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, CICIR)  
**Ma Xiaolin** (Middle East Academy in China)  
**Enrico Fardella** (Peking University and T.wai)  
**China's policy choices in West Asia**  
**China's policy choices in North Africa**  
**China's debate on foreign policy options in WANA region: a European critical analysis**  
**Discussants:**  
**Nicolo 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**  |
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**CHINA IN THE WANA REGION: A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE**  |
| 14.00 - 15.30 | **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**  
**Discussants:**  
**Simone Dossi** (T.wai)  |
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**CHINA IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION: A PERSPECTIVE FROM SOUTHERN EUROPE**  |
| 16.00 - 18.00 | **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**  
**Discussants:**  
**Pietro Sferra Carini** (Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, MAE)  |

### Saturday, June 28

**Sala Colonne - Palazzo Civico, Piazza Palazzo di Città 1**

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| 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**  |
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**EU AND ITALY'S CHANGING ROLES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION**  |
| 11.00 - 13.00 | **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**  
**Alberto Tonini** (University of Florence, Italy)  
**Discussants:**  
**Alberto Tonini** (University of Florence, Italy)  |
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**THE ENERGY FACTOR: EU, CHINA AND THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION IN THE POST-HYDROCARBON ERA**  |
| 14.30 - 16.30 | **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 Öğütçü** (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**  
**Discussants:**  
**Yue Cao** (T.wai)  |
| 16.30 | **CONCLUSIONS**  |