

**FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHINESE AND ASIAN STUDIES
„The Silk Road”**

**ORGANIZED BY
THE CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE AT SOFIA UNIVERSITY “ST. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI”
Sofia, Bulgaria, May 30-31, 2019**

Conference Programme

May 30, Thursday

Time	Event	Venue
08.30-9.00	Registration of the participants	Foyer, Confucius Institute
09.00-9.30	Opening ceremony	Main Hall, Confucius Institute
	Opening speeches by honored guests: <i>Sofia University</i> <i>Chinese Embassy</i> <i>Other Honored Guests</i>	
09.30-11.00	Opening Plenary Session Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antonia Tsankova <i>Each speaker has 20 min. for oral presentation,</i> <i>another 30 min. are provided for overall discussions and concluding remarks</i>	Main Hall, Confucius Institute
	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bogdana Todorova, Bulgarian Academy of Science	
	<i>A New Silk Road is Rising Up</i>	

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yang Wu, School of Chinese Classics in Renmin University of China

Who is “I”? – A Question from Interpreting the Courtship Songs in the Book of Songs

Prof. Dr. Habil. Alexander G. Storozhuk, Saint Petersburg State University

Peculiarities of Pu Song-ling's prose (on the sample of his short-story “Wang Liu-lang”)

11.00-11.30

Coffee-break

Foyer, Confucius Institute

11.30-13.30

Session One

Section I: Hall 21, Confucius Institute
Section II: Hall 2, Confucius Institute

Section I

Language and Culture

Chair: Dr. Mariia Guleva

Each speaker has 15 min. for oral presentation and 5 min. for communication with the attendees. Another 20 min. are provided for overall discussions and concluding remarks.

Section II

Historical Traces along the Silk Road

Chair: Dr. Li Wei

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Vladislav Kruglov, MA, Head of Chinese Language Department of the Center of Pedagogical Proficiency

The Linguistic Interconnection Between Ancient Philosophical Material and Modern Socio-political Discourse

Aksinia Koleva, Director of the Confucius Institute in Sofia

The Policy of Emperor Wudi of Han and the Silk Road

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antonia Tsankova, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” <i>Locatives as Indicators of Temporal Relations in Modern Chinese</i>		Dr. Li Wei, Art History Department in China Central Academy of Fine Arts <i>Study of the Production Process of Religious Murals in Eastern and Western Religious Arts</i>
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Milena Yordanova, Prof. Dr. Dimitar Veselinov, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” <i>Bulgarian Ethnic-specific Phraseologisms, Formed by the Root Kumaŭ-‘Chinese’</i>		Tsvetelina Nedyalkova, PhD Candidate, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” <i>Ethnonyms in the Historical Records of the Shang and Zhou Dynasties</i>
Assist. Prof. Dr. Sirma Kostadinova, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” <i>China in Contemporary Persian Language</i>		Assist. Prof. Vesela Todorova, The St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo <i>The Influence of the Silk Road on the flourishing of the Abbasid Caliphate and the Spread of Islam (750 – 1258)</i>
Dr. Mariia Guleva, St. Petersburg Polytechnic University, St. Petersburg State University <i>Games and puppets: false reality and pretense in Chinese cartoon representations of world affairs in mid-1930s</i>		Galya Spasova, interpreter <i>In Hsüan-tsang’s Steps along the Silk Road</i>
13.30-14.30	Buffet Lunch	Foyer, Confucius Institute
14.30-16.30	Session Two	Section I: Hall 21, Confucius Institute Section II: Hall 2, Confucius Institute
Section I Spiritual Traditions and Culture Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gergana Ruseva		Section II Diplomatic, Cultural and Economic Relations (1) Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Yoneva

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Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yaroslava Shekera, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv <i>Reflection of Taoist Emptiness and Wholeness Concepts in Early Medieval Chinese Poetry</i>		Prof. Dr. Habil. Nako Stefanov, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” <i>The Confrontation between PRChina and USA in XXI century: Beginning, Development and Prospects</i>	
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antoaneta Nikolova, University of Leipzig <i>Daoism as an Art of Living</i>		Dr. Aghavni Harutyunyan, Leading Research Fellow, Institute of Oriental Studies, National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia <i>China's “Soft Power” Policy in the Middle East</i>	
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gergana Ruseva, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” <i>Some Remarks on Momentariness in Buddhism</i>		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antonina Habova, University of National and World Economy <i>China’s Presence in the Balkan Energy Sector</i>	
Dr. Alexander Ivanov, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” <i>The Most Essential Problems of Morality as Visible from the Dialog Leibniz – China</i>		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Yoneva, University of National and World Economy <i>China versus India and Japan in Central Asia: Contrasting Strategies in the Light of the Region’s New Dynamism</i>	
Assist. Prof. Dr. Rumiana Cholakova , Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" <i>This Exploitative, Beautiful and Friendly Country: The Changing Image of America in Ding Ling and Wang Zuomin’s travelogues about the USA</i>		Assist. Prof. Dr. Miroslav Stefanov, University of National and World Economy <i>Trends in the Development of Logistics Performance in China</i>	
16.30-17.00	Coffee-break		Foyer, Confucius Institute

17.00-19.00	Session Three	Section I: Hall 21 , Confucius Institute Section II: Hall 2 , Confucius Institute
Section I Tourism, Spiritual and Physical Culture Chair: Assist. Prof. Dr. Rumiana Budjeva <i>Each speaker has 15 min. for oral presentation and 5 min. for communication with the attendees. Another 20 min. are provided for overall discussions and concluding remarks.</i>		Section II Diplomatic, Cultural and Economic Relations (2) Chair: Assist. Prof. Dr. Maria Momchilova <i>Each speaker has 15 min. for oral presentation and 5 min. for communication with the attendees. Another 20 min. are provided for overall discussions and concluding remarks.</i>
Assist. Prof. Dr. Nadezhda Nikolova, Bulgarian Academy of Science <i>The Miraculous Effect of Herbs in Chinese and Bulgarian Folk Medicine (in lingua-cultural aspect)</i>		Luo Xiao, MA Candidate, China Institute of Boundary and Ocean Studies <i>The Development of Confucius Institutes and the Construction of “People’s Heart Communication” in the “Belt and Road” Initiative</i>
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sonya Alexieva, New Bulgarian University <i>Positioning China as a Tourist Destination: Dynamics and Investment in Organizing Mega Events</i>		Katina Yoneva, PhD Candidate, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences <i>The Rise of China and the Future of the White Continent</i>
Assist. Prof. Dr. Rumiana Budjeva, Bulgarian Academy of Science <i>The Traditional Chinese Martial Arts in Bulgaria – Beyond the Exotic and Mysticism</i>		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hussein Ahmed, Sudan International University <i>The Silk Roads: Multi-parties Involved; What Benefit to Each?</i>
Valeri Ivanov, Kung fu Centre „Xuanguai“ <i>Aspects of Taoism in the Traditional Practicing of Taiji quan (Tai chi) and Wushu</i>		Plamena Koeva, PhD Candidate, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” <i>The Sino-Soviet Rapprochement – Causes of Change</i>

Konstantin Bayraktarov, Vocational School ‘Aleko Konstantinov’, Svishtov <i>The Statements of Confucius about Board Games</i>	Assist. Prof. Dr. Maria Momchilova, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” <i>A Key to China’s Heart</i>
19.30	Dinner Restaurant “Happy”, Sofia Mall

May 31, Friday

09.30-11.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Plenary Session Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gergana Petkova <i>Each speaker has 15 min. for oral presentation and 5 min. for communication with the attendees. Another 20 min. are provided for overall discussions and concluding remarks.</i></p>	Main Hall, Confucius Institute
<p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Dr. He Lan, Communication University of China <i>"One Belt and One Road" Initiative: From China Scheme to World Consensus</i></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Assist. Prof. Dr. Desislava Damyanova, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” Homo Viator and the East</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dmitri Maiatckii, St.Petersburg State University <i>Traditional Chinese Visualizations of “Dream of the Red Chamber” in the Late Qing China</i></p>		

Prof. Dr. Milena Bratoeva, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"

Did Buddha demonize the desire? - Some Reflections on the Desire and Desiring in Early Buddhism

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gergana Petkova, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"

Sustainable Education: Teaching eastern languages and cultures in 21st century

12.00 - 12.30

Closing Ceremony

Main Hall, Confucius Institute

Concluding Remarks for the Sections of Language, Spiritual Traditions, Tourism and Culture by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yaroslava Shekera

Concluding Remarks for the Sections of History, Diplomatic and Economic Relations by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antonina Habova

Public academic lectures presented by Prof. Dr. Habil. Alexander G. Storozhuk, Saint Petersburg State University

1st lecture: *Concepts of Buddhism in Chinese culture*

2nd lecture: *Manifestation of Buddhist ideas in Chinese literary works*

date: 31.05.2019

time: 14:30 – 16:00

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