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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

*June 04, Friday*

<b>Time (Local Sofia time)</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>08:30-9:00</b>	<b>Registration of the participants</b>
<b>09:00-10:10</b>	<b>Opening ceremony</b>
	Opening speeches by honored guests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Mrs. Aksinia Koleva</i>, Bulgarian director of the Confucius Institute at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”</li><li>• <i>Prof. Anastas Gerdzhikov</i>, Rector of the Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”</li><li>• <i>H.E. Dong Xiaojun</i>, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China in Bulgaria</li><li>• <i>Mrs. Nadya Nikolova</i>, Dep. Director of the National Historical Museum of Bulgaria</li><li>• <i>Prof. Chen Ying</i>, Director of the Department of Bulgarian Studies at Beijing Foreign Studies University</li></ul>
<b>10:10-12:50</b>	<b>Opening of Plenary Session</b> <b>Chair: Assoc. Prof. Antonia Tsankova</b>
<b>10:10-10:40</b>	Prof. Lin Wenshuang, Beijing Foreign Studies University <b>Historical Contents in Teaching Bulgarian in China</b>

<b>10:40-11:10</b>	Assoc. Prof. Elena Kolpachkova, Saint Petersburg State University <b>Clausal and Nominal Constructions with Causal Meaning in Chinese</b>	
<b>11:10-11:25</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
<b>11:25-11:35</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>11:35-12:05</b>	Assoc. Prof. Valentin Katrandzhiev, The Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute <b>China's Digital Silk Road: Opportunities, Challenges and Strategic Implications</b>	
<b>12:05-12:35</b>	Prof. Nako Stefanov, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" <b>People's Republic of China today - Achievements, Problems, Trends and Prospects</b>	
<b>12:35-12:50</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
<b>12:50-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	
<b>14:00-16:00</b>	<b>Session One</b> <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>	
<b>Section I</b> <b>Political, Diplomatic and Economic Relations (I)</b> <b>Chair: Assoc. Prof. Evgeniy Kandilarov</b>	<b>Section II</b> <b>Language, Education and Culture (I)</b> <b>Chair: Assoc. Prof. Evgenia Mitkina</b>	<b>Section III</b> <b>Historical Links and Cultural Exchange</b> <b>Chair: Assoc. Prof. Valentyn Velychko</b>
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elizabeth Yoneva, University of National and World Economy  <i>Greening the Dragon: Trends in China's Renewable Energy Revolution</i>	Assist. Prof. Dr. Marina Kuratchenko, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Siberian Institute of Management  <i>The Concept of Time in Traditional and Modern Chinese Culture</i>	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Miglena Tzenova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Art Studies  <i>Performances of the Traditional Sichuan Opera in Bulgaria in 1959 and Their Reception</i>
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentin Petroussenko, Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarsli"  <i>Strait of Fokien as a Bridge towards One-Country Principle of China</i>	Tjaša Vilotič, PhD Student, Lecturer, University of Primorska, Slovenia  <i>Teaching methods for teaching Chinese in tourism</i>	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentyn Velychko, National Academy of Fine Arts and Architecture, Ukraine  <i>Regarding the Dialogue of Two Cultures in the Area of Abstract Painting</i>

Dr. Banwo Adetoro Olaniyi, Lecturer, University of Lagos, Nigeria  <i>The Silk Road Dynamics in Africa: An Overview</i>	Maria Istvanova, PhD Candidate, Comenius University in Bratislava  <i>Creation of first Slovak learner corpus of Chinese</i>	Jood Sharaf, MA, King's College London  <i>Chinese pop-culture: the soft power tool for cultural diplomacy in China's international relations</i>
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Evgeniy Kandilarov, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"  <i>The "Three Seas Initiative" vs. Initiative „16/17 + 1" – CEEC as an area of Geopolitical Confrontation between the US and China</i>	Antoaneta Velikova, Coordinator, Confucius Institute in Sofia  <i>Education for Sustainable Development in China</i>	Tatiana Mishchenko, Nikita Pochtarev, BA, Tomsk State University  <i>The Bestiary's Code of Chinese Culture Through The Images of The Dragon, Tiger and Turtle</i>
Assist. Prof. Dr. Katina Yoneva, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences  <i>China's Arctic dreams – projects, partners and realities</i>	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Evgenia Mitkina, Saint-Petersburg State University  <i>Chinese Olympiads for schoolchildren as an important element of the linguocultural space</i>	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kuang Lanlan, University of Central Florida  <i>Imaging the Silk Road: A Semiological Approach of Dunhuang Dance</i>
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>16.30-18:30</b>	<b>Session Two</b> <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>	
<b>Section I</b> <b>Political, Diplomatic and Economic Relations (II)</b> <b>Chair: Prof. Bogdana Todorova</b>	<b>Section II</b> <b>Language, Education and Culture (II)</b> <b>Chair: Assoc. Prof. Mugur Zlotea</b>	<b>Section III</b> <b>Medicine, Martial Arts and Physical Culture</b> <b>Chair: Assist. Prof. Denka Marinova</b>
Dr. Zornisa Grekova, Lecturer, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"  <i>The Maritime Silk Road under Xi</i>	Prof. Roula Tsokalidou, Prof. Zhang Qun, Chen Sen (MA), Confucius Institute at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki  <i>Confucius Institute at AUTH: Teaching Chinese Language during the Pandemic &amp; Social Media</i>	Christopher Lewis, Senior Research Fellow, Schiller Institute  <i>Health Silk Road</i>

<p>Lyu Yuan, PhD Candidate, Institute of Chinese Studies, University of Freiburg</p> <p><i>Socio-Economic Dynamics of the “New Silk Road”: The China–Europe Rail Service and the Belt and Road Initiative</i></p>	<p>Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Nadezhda Nikolova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences</p> <p><i>Ethnocultural and linguistic aspects of some medicinal plants in Bulgaria and China</i></p>	<p>Valeri Ivanov, Sofia Lawyers’ Collegium</p> <p><i>Tao – The way of war and peace</i></p>
<p>Mihael Kozarski, MA, Institute of Defence “Prof. Tsvetan Lazarov”</p> <p><i>The Iranian Detonator in the Geostrategic Project of China “One Belt, One Road”</i></p>	<p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mugur Zlotea, University of Bucharest</p> <p><i>Chinese Cultural Terms in Morrison and Medhurst’s Chinese-English Dictionaries</i></p>	<p>Anabela Santiago, PhD Student, University of Aveiro</p> <p><i>Chinese contribution to health global governance: analysis of the role of Health Silk Road</i></p>
<p>Prof. Hussein Suleiman Mohammed Ahmed, Dar El Oloum College for Science and Technology</p> <p><i>The Silk Roads: Multi-parties Involved; What Benefit and Future Perspectives for Each?</i></p>	<p>Dr. Hristina Teodosieva, Postdoc Researcher, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”</p> <p><i>The Bulgarian Language from Chinese Students Perspective</i></p>	<p>Chief Assist. Prof. Denka Marinova, Assist. Prof. Dr. Denka Marinova, National Sports Academy „Vasil Levski”, Bulgaria</p> <p><i>Ancient Wisdom in Chinese Traditional Medicine: The New Face from Modern Science</i></p>
<p>Prof. Dr. Habil. Bogdana Todorova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences</p> <p><i>China &amp; Iran – a new dynamics within the strategic cooperation</i></p>		<p>Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Rumiana Budzheva, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Bulgaria</p> <p><i>Qi Gong, Daoist Practices and Taiji – the Chinese Approach to Health in the Conditions of Covid -19</i></p>

*June 05, Saturday*

<b>09.00-11.00</b>	<b>Session Three</b>		
	<p><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>		
<b>Section I Historical and Cultural Traces along the Silk Road Chair: Dr. Antonio De Caro</b>	<b>Section II History and Cultural Heritage Chair: Dr. Yevheniia Hobova</b>	<b>Section III Traditional and Modern Culture and Spirituality Chair: Assist. Prof. Dr. Evelina Hein</b>	
<p>Lin Lingmei, Lecturer, Northwest University, Xi'an China</p> <p><i>Bronze Age remains of Lower Keriya valley in Yutian County, Xinjiang</i></p>	<p>Assist. Prof. Vivek Mani Tripathi, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies</p> <p><i>The Silk Route in Tang Dynasty and India- China Relation</i></p>	<p>Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Evelina Hein, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"</p> <p><i>Traditional Chinese festival Qingming (Tomb Sweeping) as a resource for dealing with the existential crisis between life and death under the non-traditional conditions of the COVID pandemic</i></p>	
<p>Dr. Antonio De Caro, Research Associate, Masaryk University, Brno</p> <p><i>Jingjiao 景教 artifacts and images from Tang to Yuan dynasty: A status quaestionis on practicing Christianity along the Silk Roads from the 7th to the 15th century</i></p>	<p>Assist. Prof. Dr. Joanna Wardęga, Jagiellonian University in Krakow</p> <p><i>China's cultural heritage politics in a historical perspective</i></p>	<p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serhii Kozlovskiy, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv</p> <p><i>Children and Childhood in the System of Gender Relations in the Traditional Chinese Clerk Family of the Tang Dynasty Era (618-907)</i></p>	

Dr. Mario Appen, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  <i>Parallels between Present-Day Iran and Sassanian Iran from 7th century: Power projection on the Silk Road</i>	Assist. Prof. Dr. Magdalena ŁĄGIEWSKA, University of Gdańsk, Director of the Confucius Institute  <i>Cultural Heritage in China: Protection and Restitution of Chinese Cultural Goods</i>	Latchezara Pravtcheva, teacher, 138 High School, Sofia  <i>Wedding after Death</i>
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Biserka Veleva, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Baku Slavic University  <i>Azerbaijan as an intercultural unit in the South Caucasus on the Silk Road</i>	Prof. Dr. Hang Lin, Hangzhou Normal University  <i>Technique Adoption and Artistic Adaption: Silk Weavings of the Khitan Liao (907-1125)</i>	Xueting Wang, PhD Student, Hong Kong Baptist University  <i>The Influence of Buddhist Temples on Tang Dynasty Poetry</i>
Assist. Prof. Maria Marinova, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  <i>Typological Characteristics of Prehistoric Burials in Xinjiang</i>	Dr. Yevheniia Hobova, Researcher, “A. Krymskyi” Institute of Oriental Studies, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine  <i>Hu Shi in Chinese intellectual discourse: hero or traitor?</i>	Assist. Prof. Rajiv Ranjan, K. R. Mangalam University  <i>Relevance of the Journey of Xuan Zang through the silk route</i>
<b>11.00-11.30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>11.30-13.30</b>	<b>Session Four</b> <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>	
<b>Section I</b> <b>Political, Diplomatic and Economic Relations (III)</b> <b>Chair: Assoc. Prof. Antonina Habova</b>	<b>Section II</b> <b>Literature</b> <b>Chair: Dr. João Marcelo Martins</b>	<b>Section III</b> <b>Philosophy and Spiritual Traditions</b> <b>Chair: Dr. Bogdan Zemanek</b>
Marco Lovisetto, PhD Candidate, Soochow University  <i>China’s 14th Five-Year Plan and Italian G20 Presidency: Bases for Sino-European Dialogue</i>	Zhiya Yang, PhD Student, Roma TRE University  <i>From Shen Congwen in Xiangxi to Giovanni Verga in Sicily</i>	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gergana Ruseva, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  <i>Momentariness and personal experience</i>

<p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antonina Habova, University of National and World Economy</p> <p><i>The 17+1 format: Sunset or a New Dawn?</i></p>	<p>Ioana Clara Enescu, PhD Student, University of Bucharest</p> <p><i>Let the rain and the fire listen to my tale – an econarratological reading of The Last Quarter of the Moon, by Chi Zijian</i></p>	<p>Dr. Alexander Ivanov, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”</p> <p><i>The underlying principles of the aristocratic Worldview in the Foreword of Shin Kokin Wakashū composed in Classical Chinese</i></p>
<p>Prof. Dr. Aleksandra Lataria, Georgian Technical University (may not be able to attend the conference!)</p> <p><i>Comparative Analysis of Georgian and Chinese Families, Establishment and Development of Relationships within one Belt and One Road Initiative</i></p>	<p>Dr. João Marcelo Martins, Lecturer, Center for Humanistic Studies at the University of Minho, Braga, Portugal</p> <p><i>The Dawn of Heaven: An Intercultural Approach on the Mythical Founder Pangu Through René Girard’s Scapegoat Mechanism</i></p>	<p>Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Desislava Damyanova, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”</p> <p><i>Natural Philosophy in Daoism</i></p>
<p>Dr. Iulia Elena Cîndea, Lecturer, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania</p> <p><i>Chinese Literature in Romania in the Context of Sino-Romanian Economic and Political Relations</i></p>	<p>Martin Lukanov, PhD Student, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”</p> <p><i>Ambivalent Hybridity: Ancient and Contemporary China in Xuanhuan Web Novels and Comics</i></p>	<p>Dr. Bogdan Zemanek, Lecturer, Jagiellonian University in Kraków</p> <p><i>Forgotten book, forgotten life: Polish officer-sinologist Paweł Alexandrowicz and his Land of the Dragon – a socio-historical analysis</i></p>
	<p>Assoc. Prof. Lara Colangelo, Researcher, “G. D’Annunzio” University of Chieti-Pescara, Italy</p> <p><i>Li Er’s Early Narrative Works and His Relation to the “Belated Generation” Fiction</i></p>	<p>Eliya Alichkova, PhD Student, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”</p> <p><i>The doctrine of ālayavijñāna in early Buddhist texts</i></p>
<p><b>14:00 - 14:45</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Closing Ceremony</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concluding Remarks for the Sections of Language, Education and Literature by Antoaneta Velikova</li> <li>• Concluding Remarks for the Sections of History and Cultural Exchange by Assist. Prof. Dr. Magdalena ŁĄGIEWSKA</li> <li>• Concluding Remarks for the Sections of Political, Diplomatic and Economic Relations by Assoc. Prof. Evgeniy Kandilarov</li> <li>• Concluding Remarks for the Sections of Philosophy and Spiritual Traditions, Health and Physical Culture by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serhii Kozlovskiy</li> <li>• Closing speech by Prof. Liu Xiuming, Chinese director of the Confucius Institute at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”</li> </ul>	