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Sofia, Bulgaria, June 06-07, 2025

Conference Programme

June 6, Friday

Time	Event	Venue
08:30-09:00	Registration of the Participants	Foyer, Confucius Institute
09:00-09:30	Opening Ceremony Host: Aksiniya Koleva	Main Hall, Confucius Institute <i>Zoom link:</i> https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8994415839?pwd=TEpoQm1kLzJkVlpBeENGOFhybGQrQT09&omn=81454991001 <i>Meeting ID: 899 441 5839</i> <i>Passcode: kKA9j6</i>
	Opening speeches by honored guests: <i>Sofia University, Chinese Embassy, Directors of Confucius Institute in Sofia</i>	

09:30-11:00	<p>Opening Plenary Session</p> <p>Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antonia Tsankova</p> <p><i>Each speaker has 20 min. for oral presentation and 10 min. for communication with the attendees.</i></p>	<p>Main Hall, Confucius Institute</p> <p><i>Zoom link:</i></p> <p>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8994415839?pwd=TEpoQm1kLzJkVlpBeENGOFhybGQrQT09&omn=81454991001</p> <p><i>Meeting ID: 899 441 5839</i></p> <p><i>Passcode: kKA9j6</i></p>
<p>1. Prof. Dr. Nako Stefanov, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria</p> <p>Confucianism – History, Teaching and Meaning</p>		
<p>2. Assoc. Prof. Monika Moraliyska, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria</p> <p>Economic Relations Between the EU and China in the context of the "Belt and Road Initiative" – Opportunities and Challenges</p>		
<p>3. Prof. GAO Jing, YANG Nian, Confucius Institute at the University of Niš, Serbia</p> <p>From Learning for Application to People-to-People Connectivity: Innovative Practices in the International Communication of Education at Confucius Institute at University of Niš</p>		
11:00-11:30	Coffee-break	
11:30-13:30	<p>Session 1</p> <p>Hall 2 (first floor)</p> <p><i>Each speaker has 15 min. for oral presentation and 5 min. for communication with the attendees.</i></p> <p><i>Zoom link:</i></p> <p>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8994415839?pwd=TEpoQm1kLzJkVlpBeENGOFhybGQrQT09&omn=81454991001</p>	

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<p>Section: Language, Education and Literature (I)</p> <p>Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tanina Zappone</p>	
<p>1. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antonia Tsankova, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria</p> <p>Perceptions of "Heaven" and "Earth" in Traditional Chinese and Bulgarian Linguacultures</p>	
<p>2. Assoc Prof. Dr. ZHANG Yingxuan, The Confucius Institute of Liege, Belgium</p> <p>An analysis of teaching Chinese as a foreign language from the perspective of cultural differences——Comparative literature research as an effective approach <i>(online)</i></p>	
<p>3. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tanina Zappone, University of Turino, Italy</p> <p>Translating China in Minor Languages: A Software-Assisted Analysis of China's image in State-Funded Translation Programs</p>	
<p>4. Prof. FANG Shengliang, Anhui University, China; Confucius Institute at Brest State University, Belarus</p> <p>On the Intertextuality of Fang Bao and Yao Nai's Classical Texts and the Emergence of the Tongcheng School <i>(online)</i></p>	
<p>5. Arusyak Hovhannisyan, Aram Hovhannisyan, Naira Grigoryan, Center for Chinese Language and Culture, Russian-Armenian University, Armenia</p> <p>Application of Neuro-Linguistic Programming in Learning Chinese by Armenian Students: Linguistic and Cognitive Aspects</p>	
<p>6. CHEN Zhujun, Beijing Foreign Studies University, China</p> <p>Researching Bulgarian translation strategy for culture-loaded words in the novel "The Three-Body Problem" from the perspective of eco-translatology</p>	
13:30-14:30	Lunch-Break

14:30-16:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hall 2 (first floor)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Each speaker has 15 min. for oral presentation and 5 min. for communication with the attendees.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Zoom link:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8994415839?pwd=TEpoQm1kLzJkVlpBeENGOFhybGQrQT09&omn=81454991001</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Meeting ID: 899 441 5839</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Passcode: kKA9j6</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Section: History, Philosophy and Culture (I)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Hristina Teodosieva</p>	
<p>1. Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Hristina Teodosieva, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria</p> <p>Ancient Chinese Weapons along the Silk Road</p>	
<p>2. Tsvetelina Nedyalkova, Researcher, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria</p> <p>The History of the Di 狄 Between 722 and 479 BCE, According to the "Spring and Autumn Annals</p>	
<p>3. SANG Jicuo, Minzu University of China</p> <p>Traditional Knowledge on Climate Change among the Gelden Tribe in Maixi Township, Ruoergai County, Sichuan, China - Study on Knowledge Systems and Values (<i>online</i>)</p>	
<p>4. Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Aleksandar Bogdanov, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria</p> <p>Embodied Fairies and Deities: A Comparison of the Shamanic Practices in Gilgit and Ladakh (<i>online</i>)</p>	

5. Dr. Mariya Simeonova, Central Library of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria	
The Image of Xuanzang as Reflection in Modern Visual and Theatrical Interpretations of His Journey to the West	
6. Dr. HUANG Jun, Bulgaria National Academy of Art, Bulgaria	
Cross-Cultural Negotiation in the Built Environment: Chinese Aesthetic Translation of Interior Spaces in Central and Eastern Europe	
16:30-16:45	Coffee-break
16:45-18:30	<p>Session 3</p> <p>Hall 2 (first floor)</p> <p><i>Each speaker has 15 min. for oral presentation and 5 min. for communication with the attendees.</i></p> <p><i>Zoom link:</i></p> <p><u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8994415839?pwd=TEpoQm1kLzJkVlpBeENGOFhybGQrQT09&omn=81454991001</u></p> <p><i>Meeting ID: 899 441 5839</i></p> <p><i>Passcode: kKA9j6</i></p>
<p>Section: Political, Diplomatic and Economic Relations (I)</p> <p>Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antonina Habova</p>	
1. Dr. Kamen Velichkov, Department of Arabic and Semitic Studies, Faculty of Classic and New Philologies, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria	
China's Influence on the Evolution of Central Asia as a Region	
2. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antonina Habova, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria	
China's Approach to International Relations: Theoretical Perspectives and Educational Practices	

3. Dr. Kalina Petrova, Trakia university, Stara Zagora, Bulgaria

The "One Belt, One Road" Initiative - an Initiative of Balance and Peace (*online*)

4. JU Hao, Institute of Russian, Eastern European and Central Asian Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China

BRI and China-CEECs Cooperation: Relationship and Development

5. Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Petya Fileva, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria

Logistics Sector in Bulgaria: Challenges and Opportunities within the Emerging Potential of the Middle Corridor of BRI

June 7, Saturday

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08:30-09:00	Registration of the Participants	Foyer, Confucius Institute
9:00-11:00	<p>Session 4</p> <p>Hall 2 (first floor)</p> <p><i>Each speaker has 15 min. for oral presentation and 5 min. for communication with the attendees.</i></p> <p><i>Zoom link:</i></p> <p><i>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3440535975?pwd=R0dXTkJacXJwaDRJT0NUSkFNdHQrQT09&omn=85244521673</i></p> <p><i>Meeting ID: 344 053 5975</i></p> <p><i>Passcode: 43SjVB</i></p>	

Section: Language, Education and Literature (II)

Chair: Tsvetelina Nedyalkova

1. Assist. Prof. Dr. Seema Singh, Indraprastha College For Women, Delhi University, India

Reality of rural life in the stories of the famous Chinese storyteller Lu Xun

2. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Evgenia Mitkina, St. Petersburg State University, Russia

Zhao Tiaokuang: editor and detective fiction author in the early 20th century (*online*)

3. CHEN Huizhi, Institute of Global and Area Studies, Capital Normal University, China

Odyssey of the Soul: Two Contemporary Chinese Writers Accounting Travels in the Balkans

4. Nikol Karapeeva, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria

PARI, PAIRIK - Metamorphoses of the Fairies in the Iranian Cultural and Literary Tradition

5. Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Desislava Damyanova, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria

The philosophical analysis of Cai (才) and Xing (性) in Wei-Jing China (*online*)

11:00-11:30

Coffee-Break

11:30-13:30

Session 5

Hall 2 (first floor)

Each speaker has 15 min. for oral presentation and 5 min. for communication with the attendees.

Session 6

Hall 21 (second floor)

Each speaker has 15 min. for oral presentation and 5 min. for communication with the attendees.

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<p>Section: Language, Education and Literature (III)</p> <p>Chair: Assoc. Prof. Antonia Tsankova</p>	<p>Section: Section: History, Philosophy and Culture (II)</p> <p>Chair: LU Ziyuan</p>	
<p>1. Assoc. Prof. Dr. LUO Xiaoru, Confucius Institute at the University of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Study on the Curriculum of Chinese Language Education in BiH</p>	<p>1. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Denka Marinova, "Vasil Levski" National Sports Academy, Bulgaria</p> <p>Effectiveness of auriculotherapy of older people with chronic neck pain (online)</p>	
<p>2. WANG Yan, Henan Institute of Technology, China; Confucius Institute in Sofia, Bulgaria</p> <p>“Exploring the ‘Chinese + Business’ Integration Model and Its Implementation in Bulgarian Adult Chinese Interest Classes under the Belt and Road Initiative: An Interest-Driven and Practice-Oriented Principle”</p>	<p>2. Dr. Nadezhda Nikolova, “Arcobaleno” Academy, Bulgaria</p> <p>Healers and medical practices in Ancient China</p>	
<p>3. ZHANG Xiaojing, The Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation, Russia</p> <p>Research on the Adaptation of Chinese Language Textbooks: A Case Study of the Russian Edition of Boya Chinese (online)</p>	<p>3. Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Rumiana Budjeva, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria</p> <p>QIGONG HEALING POTENTIAL IN CASES OF BURNOUT AND PANIC ATTACKS (online)</p>	

4. Dr. Aleksandra Lataria, International Black Sea University, Georgia		4. Valeri Ivanov, Kungfu Center “Xuanguì”, Bulgaria		
Confucius Institutes and the Promotion of Chinese Language and Culture in Georgia (online)		Buddha in Martial arts practice		
5. CHEN Chen, Beijing Foreign Studies University, China; Confucius Institute in Sofia, Bulgaria		5. Assoc. Prof. Vivek Mani Tripathi, GUANGDONG UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES, China		
Exercise Design in Two Sets of Chinese Textbooks for Bulgarian Children		The Role of Yoga in Indo-Chinese Cultural Relation (online)		
6. LIU Ming, Confucius Institute at Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary		6. LU Ziyuan, Beijing Foreign Studies University, China		
Chinese Language into Basic Education: A Comparative Study of Three Central and Eastern European Countries from Regional and National Perspectives		Bulgarian Chitalishte as Public Institutions: Exploring New Venues for Cultural Exchange with Locality and Openness		
13:30-14:30	Lunch Break			
14:30-16:15	Session 7 Hall 2 (first floor) Each speaker has 15 min. for oral presentation and 5 min. for communication with the attendees. Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3440535975?pwd=R0dXTkJacXJwaDRJT0NUSkFNdHQrQT09&omn=85244521673 Meeting ID: 344 053 5975		Session 8 Hall 21 (second floor) Each speaker has 15 min. for oral presentation and 5 min. for communication with the attendees. Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8994415839?pwd=TEpoQm1kLzJkVlpBeENGOFhybGQrQT09&omn=83022464447 Meeting ID: 899 441 5839 Passcode: kKA9j6	

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Section: Political, Diplomatic and Economic Relations (II) Chair: CHEN Chen		Section: History, Philosophy and Culture (III) Chair: WANG Ying
1. Dr. Minh Hai Vu, FACULTY OF VIETNAMESE STUDIES AND LANGUAGE VNU – UNIVERSITY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES, HANOI, Vietnam The Belt and Road Initiative and Chinese path of Modernization development: A case study of Gansu Province and its implications for Vietnam's development (<i>online</i>)		1. Rajiv Ranjan, Zhejiang Yuexiu University of Foreign Languages, China Moral education as Value based education in India and China: A comparative perspective (<i>online</i>)
2. TANG Liangyan, Ph.D. candidate, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria Integration of Chinese and Bulgarian Energy Markets under the “Belt and Road” Initiative: Opportunities and Challenges		2. Jood Sharaf, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China China's cultural diplomacy: Chinese calligraphy as a medium for promoting cultural understanding (<i>online</i>)
3. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elizabeth Yoneva, Department of International Relations, University of National and World Economy – Sofia, Bulgaria China's role in the global clash for critical minerals – implications and opportunities for the BRI partners		3. Dr. Veselina Georgieva, Central Library of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria Music on the Silk Road and Spiritual Values - a Bridge between East and West
4. WANG Xiaoyun, Institute of Russian, Eastern European and Central Asian Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China CEE Countries in Green Transformation: Difficulties and Challenges		4. ZHONG Gengyue, Ph.D. candidate, The National Music Academy “Prof. Pancho Vladigerov”, Bulgaria Intercultural Communication of Cultural Symbols and Musical Narratives in Qin Wenchen's Suona Concerto ‘Calling the Phoenix’ from the Perspective of ‘One Belt, One Road’

5. CAI Yi, Beijing Foreign Studies University, China The Silk Road: A Path of Civilization, Economic Cooperation, and Cultural Exchange <i>(online)</i>		5. WANG Shiying, Tianjin Foreign Studies University, China ETYMOLOGY, SEMANTICS AND PERCEPTIONS OF THE BULGARIAN WORD "CHALGA" <i>(online)</i>
16:15-16:30	Coffee-break	
16:30-17:00	<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <p>Chair: Assoc. Prof. Antonia Tsankova</p>	<p>Main Hall, Confucius Institute</p> <p><i>Zoom link:</i></p> <p>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3440535975?pwd=R0dXTkJacXJwaDRJT0NUSkFNdHQrQT09&omn=85244521673</p> <p><i>Meeting ID: 344 053 5975</i></p> <p><i>Passcode: 43SjVB</i></p>
<p>Concluding Remarks for the Sections of Language, Education and Literature by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tanina Zappone</p> <p>Concluding Remarks for the Sections of History, Philosophy and Culture by Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Hristina Teodosieva</p> <p>Concluding Remarks for the Sections of Political, Diplomatic and Economic Relations by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antonina Habova</p> <p><i>Concluding speech by the Directors of the Confucius Institute in Sofia</i></p>		