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**Sofia, Bulgaria, June 02-03, 2023**

**Conference Programme**

**June 2, Friday**

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| **Time** | **Event** | **Venue** |
| **08:00-9:00** | **Registration of the Participants** | **Foyer**, Confucius Institute |
| **09:00-9:30** | **Opening Ceremony** | **Main Hall**, Confucius Institute |
| Opening speeches by honored guests: *Sofia University, Chinese Embassy, Directors of Confucius Institute in Sofia, other honored guests*  |
| **09:30-10:45** | **Opening Plenary Session****Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antonia Tsankova** | **Main Hall**, Confucius Institute |
| Prof. Dr. Nako Stefanov, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria***The Celestial and the Land of the Rising Sun – A Brief Overview of Sino-Japanese Relations – Past, Present and Possible Prospects*** |
| Prof. Dr. CHEN Ying, Beijing Foreign Studies University, China***Language Problems in the Translation of Texts Related to Chinese and Bulgarian Culture (online)*** |
| Assoc. Prof. Dr. Evgeny Kandilarov, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria***China in the EU Strategies for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific and for the Global Gateway***  |
| **10:45-11:15** |  **Coffee-break** |
| **11:15-13:15** | **Session One*****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 I: Hall 21**, Confucius Institute**Section II: Hall 2**, Confucius Institute |
| **Section I****Language, Education and Literature****Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antonia Tsankova** | **Section II****Political, Diplomatic and Economic Relations****Chair: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antonina Habova** |
| Prof. Dr. Maya Keliyan, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria***China’s Soft Power: Cultural Entrepreneurship of Chinese Volunteers in Bulgaria and Initiatives of Bulgarian Local Communities Aimed at China (online)*** | Prof. Valeri Ivanov, Michael Kozarski, Bulgarian Defense Institute “Professor Tsvetan Lazarov”, Bulgaria***Geostrategic Effects and Impacts on the Regional Security of the Western Balkans in the Context of the New Enhanced Russian-Chinese Cooperation*** |
| Prof. Dr. Uliana Popova, Prof. Dr. Desislava Atanasova, HU Yuan, Angel Kanchev University of Ruse, Bulgaria***The Current State of Bulgarian Literature Published in Chinese Translation*** | Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antonina Habova, University of National and World Economy, Bulgaria***EU-China Relations in a Transforming International System*** |
| Assoc. Prof. Dr. Antonia Tsankova, ZHANG Kaiyue, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria***Qualitative Attributes to the Predicate in Modern Chinese: Semantic and Pragmatic Approach*** | Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elizabeth Yoneva, University of National and World Economy, Bulgaria***Greening the Belt & Road Initiative: Trends and Evolutions in China’s Energy Investments and Projects*** |
| Assist. Prof. Rajiv Ranjan, K. R. Mangalam University, India***A Comparative Analysis of the Female Characters in the Writings of Premchand and LU Xun (online)*** | Senior Assist. Prof. Dr. Katina Yoneva, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria ***Beyond the Sea - China's Maritime Ambitions for Expansion into European Ports*** |
| Assoc. Prof. ZHANG Yingxuan, Confucius Institute of Liege, Belgium ***How to Use One Soul to Awaken Another Soul in the Teaching of Chines Ancient Poetry—— Content Conception, Method Research and Activity Design of Chinese Literature Course in Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language*** | Senior Assist. Dr. Petya Fileva, University of National and World Economy,Bulgaria***A Review of the Impact of Recent Crises on the China-Europe Freight Trains: A Logistics Perspective*** |
| **13:15-14:30** | **Buffet Lunch** | **Foyer**,Confucius Institute |
| **14:30-16:30** | **Session Two*****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 I: Hall 21****Section II: Hall 2** |
| **Section I****Language, Education and Literature****Chair: Senior Assist. Prof. Dr. Sirma Kostadinova** | **Section II****Political, Diplomatic and Economic Relations****Chair: Dr. Ivelyna Vatova** |
| Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elena Emelchenkova, St. Petersburg State University, Russia***On a Non-subject-predicate Sentence in Chinese (online)*** | Dr. Ivelyna Vatova, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria***Mass Media System of China. From Domestic Transformation to World Globalization*** |
| Senior Assist. Prof. Dr. Sirma Kostadinova, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria***The Word čāy in the Persian language and Literature of the Qajar Period*** | Erion Malaj, Confucius Institute at University of Tirana, Albania***From the Silk Road to the One Belt One Road Initiative: Differences, Similarities, and Impact of Bri in the Western Balkan Countries*** |
| Assist. Pof. Vivek Mani Tripathi, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, China***A Study of Social Status of Women in “Bai Lu Yuan” and “Maila Aanchal” (online)*** | Yashar Abdulselamoglu, Researcher, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria***The Weber Effect and Its Problematic in Chinese Sociology*** |
| Dr. Nadezhda Nikolova, Language School “Arcobaleno”, Vratsa, Bulgaria***The Concept of Tea in the Chinese and Bulgarian Linguоculture*** | Abel Rodriguez, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Sofia, Bulgaria***The People’s Republic of China and Latin America – Past and Present of a Strategic Partnership*** |
| LI Saisai, Beijing Foreign Studies University, China ***How Can Overseas Confucius Institutes Better Radiate International Chinese Education in Local Primary and Secondary Schools: Taking the Chinese Language School Alliance of Confucius Institutes in Sofia as an Example (online)*** | Prof. WANG Chengyun, SHEN Zezhou, Shanghai Normal University, China***A Study on the Relationship Between China and Countries Along the Belt and Road in Science and Technology Cooperation Network and Its Temporal and Spatial Changes (online)*** |
| **16:30-17:00** | **Coffee-break** |
| **17:00-19:00** | **Session Three*****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 I: Hall 21****Section II: Hall 2** |
| **Section I****Language, Education and Literature****Chair: Dr. Dimitar Damyanov**  | **Section II****Political, Diplomatic and Economic Relations****Chair: Aksel Boshnakov** |
| Assist. Prof. Dr. Zsuzsanna Csibra, Pazmany Peter Catholic University, Hungary***Urbanization, Communication, Poetry: ZHAI Yongming’s New Answers for Old Questions (online)*** | Lyu Yuan, University of Freiburg, Germany***The “Geneva of the East”: A Hangzhou Code to China’s Path of Development (online)*** |
| ZHANG Xiaojing, Confucius Institute at Russian State University for the Humanities, Russia***A Study of Chinese Language Proficiency Competition Example-Based on the Questions of the All-Russian School Olympiad for High School Students (online)*** | Aksel Boshnakov, University of National and World Economy, Bulgaria ***Japan’s Role in the Arctic Region and Implications for China*** |
| Dr. Dimitar Damyanov, Scientific Research Center of Creative Activities, Germany***Impact of the Chinese Parable on Phychological Phenomena in Music (Analytical Model for Working with Children with Emotional Control Problems)*** | Zhivko Valkov, University of National and World Economy, Bulgaria***Political and Economic Involvement of China in West Africa*** |
| LI Mengxia, Confucius Institute at “St. Kliment Ohridski” University of Sofia, Bulgaria *Research on Chinese Teaching and Chinese Culture Communication in Bulgarian Middle Schools* | Michael Kozarski, Bulgarian Defense Institute “Professor Tsvetan Lazarov”, Bulgaria***Serbia and Montenegro Rapprochement with China Through the Aspects of the Geostrategic Project “One Belt, One Road” and the Initiative “16+1”*** |
| PENG Yuehan, Beijing Foreign Studies University, China ***A Comparative Study of Formation of Euphemism in Croatian and Chinese (online)*** | Dr. Doris Malaj, University of Tirana, Albania***A paradigm shift in Chinese foreign policy and their proactive role in*** ***International Relations*** |
| Assoc. Prof. Dr. Evgenia Mitkina, Saint-Petersburg State University, Russia***Maurice Leblanc and his influence on Chinese literature in the first half of the XXth century (online)*** |  |
| **19:30** | **Joint Dinner for the Conference Participants** | **(Restaurant name and location to be confirmed)** |

**June 3, Saturday**

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| **09:00-11:00** | **Session Four** ***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 III: Hall 21****Section IV: Hall 2** |
| **Section III****History, Philosophy and Religion****Chair: Assist. Prof. Maria Marinova** | **Section IV****Tourism, Spiritual and Physical Culture** **Chair:** **Assist. Prof. Dr. Denka Marinova** |
| Prof. SHA Wutian, Shaanxi Normal University, China***Study on the Traveling Images of Buddhist Monks on the Silk Road —Central on Usnisa Vijaya Dharani Sutra Scene in Mogao Caves 217 and 103 (online)*** | Prof. Yin Shunmin, Confucius Institute at Bansomdejchaopraya Rajabhat University, Thailand ***The Influence of Chinese Traditional Spirit on World Development (online)*** |
| WANG Tianci, Renmin University of China, China***A Research on the Deer Stone in Xinjiang——Focus on the Deer Stone in Wild Horse International Ecological Park and Tacheng Prefecture (online)*** | Jood Ghazwan Sharaf, Tsinghua University, China***China’s Cultural Diplomacy: The Role of Chinese Contemporary Artworks and the Tsinghua University Art Museum in Promoting Understanding of Modern China (online)*** |
| ZHOU Shu, Renmin University of China, China ***Identity and Representation：An Exploration of Emperor Yongzheng’s*** ***Life Portrait in Subdue the Tiger (online)*** | Assoc. Prof. WANG Shunhui, Harbin University of Science and Technology, China***Overseas Integration, Innovation and Dissemination of Classical Landscape Art in “The South of The Yangtze River in China” (online)*** |
| Assist. Prof. Dr. Lara Colangelo, “G. D’Annunzio” University of Chieti-Pescara, Italy ***The Contribution of Late Qing Literati to the Introduction of the Romanist Legal Tradition in China (online)*** | Assist. Prof. Dr. Denka Marinova, National Sports Academy “Vasil Levski”, Bulgaria***Auriculotherapy in Traditional Chinese Medicine***  |
| LYU Pin, Humanities, The University of Nottingham, The United Kingdom ***Aspects of Acculturation: The Use of Burial Utensils by Sogdian Residents in China (online)*** | Assist. Prof. Dr. Rumyana Budjeva, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria***Qigong – The Ancient Chinese Art of Health and Longevity – In the Contemporary World (online)*** |
| **11:00-11:30** | **Coffee-break** |
| **11:30-13:30** | **Session Five*****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 III (1): Hall 21****Section III (2): Hall 2****Section IV: Hall 19** |
| **Section III****History, Philosophy and Religion (1)****Chair: Assist. Prof. Maria Marinova** | **Section III****History, Philosophy and Religion (2)****Chair: Dr. Desislava Damyanova** | **Section IV****Tourism, Spiritual and Physical Culture** **Chair: Dr. Aleksandra Lataria** |
| Assoc. Prof. Dr. Valentin Petrusenko, The University of Plovdiv “Paisii Hilendarski”, Bulgaria***Formation of SUN Yat-sen Philosophy Between Western Influences and Traditional Values of Chinese Civilization***  | Dr. Proletina Robova, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria***The Color of the Divine: On the Symbolism of White among the Brogpa of Ladakh*** | Research Assoc. LU Yun, Fujian Academy of Social Sciences, China***Exchange and Mutual Learning of Incense Culture (online)*** |
| GOU Yuheng, Renmin University of China, China***The Spread and Use of Chinese along the Silk Road in the Western Regions in the Tang Dynasty*** | Dr. Aleksandar Ivanov, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria ***The Three Petitions of Dogen to the Chinese Emperor Upon His Arrival in China as Exposure of Straightforward Buddhism***  | Dr. Aleksandra Lataria, International Black Sea University, Georgia***Comparative Analysis of Georgian and Chinese Families (online)*** |
| Assist. Prof. Tsvetelina Nedyalkova, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria***Contacts between the Zhou States and the Rong 戎, Di 狄, Man 蛮 and Yi 夷: A Study of the “Spring and Autumn Annals” and the “Commentary of Zuo”*** | Senior Assist. Dr. Desislava Damyanova, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria***Sacred Mountains and Daoist Sites in China*** | Assist. Prof. Magdalena Łągiewska, Confucius Institute at University of Gdańsk, Poland ***Cultural Heritage Dialogue Based on Harmony and Peace: A Chinese Perspective (online)*** |
| Assist. Prof. Maria Marinova, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria***Diplomatic Tools of the Chinese State in the Pre-Han and the Han Period*** | Eng. Vaishali Khola, RCS, Vadodara; Shivangi, St. Xavier’s English School, Nalanda, India***Contribution of Indigenous Tibetan Culture and Tibetan Scholars in Buddhism*** | Rafail Georgiev, National Academy of Arts, Bulgaria***Bulgarian Authors Who Were Awarded and Realized Their Monumental Sculptures at the International Sculpture Exhibition - “LIU Kaiqu Award” in the City of Wuhu*** |
| Nikolay Petrusenko, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria***Research on Legibility on Cyrillic, Latin and Chinese Writing Scripts***  |  |  |
| **13:30-14:00** | **Closing Ceremony** | **Main Hall**, Confucius Institute |
| Concluding Remarks for the Sections of Language, Education and Literature by Assist. Prof. Dr. Sirma KostadinovaConcluding Remarks for the Sections of Political, Diplomatic and Economic Relations by Dr. Ivelyna VatovaConcluding Remarks for the Sections of History, Philosophy and Religion by assist. prof. Maria MarinovaConcluding Remarks for the Sections of Tourism, Spiritual and Physical Culture by Dr. Aleksandra Lataria |