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The COVID-19 Pandemic and China's Global Projection

Between Continuities and Changes

10-11 November 2022

Aula 001, Palazzo Prodi | via Tommaso Gar 14, Trento

Thursday 10 November

11.45-12.00 Welcome and opening remarks

12.00-12.40

Keynote speech

Mary Augusta Brazelton (University of Cambridge)
*From Plague Fighters to Barefoot Doctors: China in
Global Health Histories*

12.40-14.30 Lunch break

14.30-16.30

Panel 1. China's soft power and diplomacy

Chair and discussant: **Laura De Giorgi** (Ca' Foscari
University Venice)

Marina Rudyak (University of Heidelberg)
*Foreign Aid Meets Xiplomacy: Elements of
International Development Cooperation with Chinese
Characteristics*

Beatrice Gallelli (Ca' Foscari University Venice)
*China's Public Diplomacy in and through Texts: The
Role of Translation in (Re)Framing China's Official
Narratives in the Era of COVID-19*

Giulia Sciorati (University of Trento)
*Health Diplomacy with Chinese Characteristics:
Tracing Discourse on Cooperation with Central Asia
during COVID-19*

Sofia Graziani (University of Trento)
*Historical Narratives as a Tool of China's Diplomacy
Towards Africa before and after COVID-19*

16.30-17.00 Break

17.00-18.00

Panel 2. China in the Global Economy

Chair and discussant: **Andrea Fracasso** (University of
Trento)

Alessia Amighini (University of Eastern Piedmont)
Networks of Chinese Influence Abroad

George Magnus (University of Oxford and School of
Oriental and African Studies)
The China-US Decoupling

Friday 11 November

9.00-10.30

Panel 3. China-Europe Relations: Projection and
Perceptions

Chair and discussant: **Simone Dossi** (University of
Milan)

Giovanni B. Andornino (University of Turin)
*China's Search for Sustainable Followership: The Case
of Italy in the "New Era"*

Jens Damm (Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg)
*China and Germany during the COVID-19 Pandemic:
Between Continuity and Increasing Confrontation*

Richard Q. Turcsanyi (Palacký University Olomouc)
*Prospects for Independent European Relations with
China Amidst Growing US-China Tensions: Evidence
from Public Opinion Surveys*

10.30-11.00 Break

11.00-12.00

Panel 4. China and the Global South: Perspectives
from Africa and the Middle East

Chair and discussant: **Maria Cristina Ercolessi**
(University of Naples L'Orientale)

Sara De Simone (University of Trento)
*Blooming Relations: South Sudan and China before
and after COVID-19*

Pejman Abdolmohammadi (University of Trento)
China and Iran: Toward a Strategic Alliance?

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