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 Diplomacy: 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 Fellowships: The Case of Italy in the “New Era”
Jens Damm (Albert Ludwigs University of Freiburg)
China and Germany during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Between Continuity and Increasing Confrontation
Richard O. Turcsanyi (Palacký University Olomouc)
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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