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Erasmus + Blended Intensive Program

Understanding China in a Changing World

The program is held by University of Torino, Inalco (Paris) and University of Ljubljana

There are moments in history when the world seems to be changing rapidly. Our time is one of them, as the COVID-19 pandemic, the climate challenge, rising trade protectionism, competing forms of nationalism, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and renewed conflicts in the Middle East are all elements contributing to the widespread perception of the end of a historical cycle.

The US hegemony looks like being challenged by emerging powers like China, which runs on an alternative political and economic model. The smooth functioning of the international liberal order is no longer guaranteed. How will the global order be influenced by China's rise? How is Beijing dealing with multiple domestic and international challenges that itself is facing? How is EU-China relationship evolving, also considering their overlapping interests in Southeast Europe and the Wider Mediterranean?

This Blended Intensive Program will expose students to major issues regarding the role of China in a changing world, trying to understand the intersections between domestic political and economic dynamics and the re-configuration of global order and global business. The program will offer a 5-day in-person series of seminars in Turin, and six online lectures.

Participants students will obtain 3 ECTS. At the end of the program a Certificate of Attendance and a Transcript of Records from University of Torino will provided for students who will fully attend the program. In order to obtain the 3 ECTS and certification, students are required to attend at least 80 % of the classes and write down a pre-arrival assignment and a post-program reflection paper.

Pre-Arrival Assignment – *Before the leap: anticipating China*

Objectives:

- Articulate and explore initial perceptions and preconceptions about China.
- Share personal interests and the cultural or academic influences that have shaped your views on China.

Post-Program Reflection: *China Reimagined*

Objectives:

- Provide honest and critical reflection on how the program has challenged or confirmed your preconceptions.
- Articulate new knowledge and skills and the potential impact on their future academic or professional pursuits.
- Before doing this assignment, re-read your Part 1 assignment.

More info about the assignment will be share with participants via email.



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TORINO 15 – 19 April 2024

Day 1 - April 15 Monday	
9.00 – 10.00 room F2	Welcoming and introduction of the program
10.00 – 12.30 room F2	Professor Simona NOVARETTI – “Neither God nor Law”... But What about Ethics? The Regulation of Gene Editing in the People’s Republic of China
16.00 – 18.00 Room C4	Professor Giuseppe GABUSI – The Political Economy of the CCP
	Walking tour of the city and welcome aperitif
Day 2 - April 16 Tuesday	
14.00 – 16.00 room E4	Professor ZHANG Jian - Xi Jinping Statecraft in Governing a Plateauing China
Day 3 - April 17 Wednesday	
09.00 – 12.00 3 D2 33	Professor Giovanni B. ANDORNINO <i>Scenario making session</i>
15.30 – 17.30	Cultural and language exchange with Chinese students (both in English and in Chinese)
Day 4 - July 18 Thursday	
09.30 – 13.30 Room H7	Professor Anastas VANGELI – China’s Trajectory in the Global Political Economy: Socialism <i>or/and</i> “Capitalism with Chinese Characteristics”
Afternoon	Individual study time (readings assigned in the morning session)
Day 5 - April 19 Friday	
09.30 – 13.30 Room H7	Professor Anastas VANGELI - Europe's Turbulent Relationship with China
	End of the activities in Torino



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ONLINE SESSIONS

Even if you won't be able to attend online classes when they will be held, no worries, we will record them and send to you!

Session 1 – March 20, 2024 16.00 -18.00 pm – Room F4 + online	
	Gregory Chin - Digital Yuan, from Local to Global? RMB Internationalization in the Making
Session 2 – March 25, 2024 08.30 – 10.00 online	
	XUE Gong – China and Southeast Asia in International Development Cooperation
Session 3 – March 27, 2024 10.00 – 12.00 - online	
	LI Mingjiang - China and Asia-Pacific Security: The Cases of Taiwan and South China Sea
Session 4 – March 29, 2024 10.30 – 12.30 - online	
	Enrico FARDELLA and ZHANG Chuchu – China's Economic Relations with North Africa and implications for the EU
Session 5 – April 5, 2024 10.30 – 12.30 online	
	Enrico FARDELLA and Ali BORHANI – The real BRI: Bondage, Reconstruction & Integration
Session 6 – April 30, 2024 14.00 – 16.00 pm online + room B3	
	Chloe FROISSART, Jérôme DOYON, Shaun BRESLIN – Launch of the book <i>The Chinese Communist Party. A 100 years trajectory</i>



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Giovanni B. ANDORNINO is a tenured Assistant Professor of International Relations of East Asia at the University of Turin and the Director of the TOChina Centre of the Department of Cultures, Politics and Society. Dr Andornino is also Vice President and Head of the Global China program at the Torino World Affairs Institute (T.wai) and the former Editor of *OrizzonteCina*, Italy's leading academic journal on contemporary China studies in the social sciences. His research focuses on China's domestic politics, foreign policy, and relations with Italy and the wider Euro-Mediterranean region. Since 2019 he has been serving as the founding General Secretary of the China-Italy Philanthropy Forum.

Ali BORHANI is the Managing Director of 3Sixty Strategic Advisors. He is an emerging markets geo-economic and strategy expert. His many years of experience have been developed and strengthened by helping blue-chip companies, MNCs (multi-nationals) and family businesses in some of the most challenging markets. Helping clients to formulate route to and market entry models, growth acceleration strategies and also supporting them to successfully execute these strategies on the ground. One of his unique abilities is in translating complex issues to simple scenarios. His peers and mentors consider him a natural storyteller with a strategic foresight that has led to successful partnership and strategic alliances. He is the Geo-Strategy Expert at the Business Families Foundation and also mentors budding entrepreneurs through Mowgli Foundation. Ali is regularly invited to speak at large-scale conferences, and also expert forums to share his views on panels on international business affairs and geo-strategy MEA and BRI.

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He contributed to the project of the Asian Development Bank Institute (Tokyo) on the “Political Economy of Asian Regionalism” (2010-2014). He was the inaugural China Research Chair at The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI, 2010-2013), and founding Director of CIGI’s Global Development Program (2011-2013), which ranks on UPenn’s “Global Go-To Think Tank Rankings.” At CIGI, he co-led the project on the “BRICS, Asia and International Monetary Reform” (2010-2013), partnered with the Asian Development Bank and Hong Kong Monetary Authority. Prior to joining York University in 2006, Chin was First Secretary in Development at the Canadian Embassy in Beijing from 2003 to 2006, where he was responsible for liaising with decision-makers in China, government agencies and key think tanks. He designed and managed Canada’s foreign aid to China and North Korea with bilateral and multilateral donors, including the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and the special agencies of the United Nations. From 2000 to 2003, he served in Canada’s Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and Canadian International Development Agency.

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Nicholas founded New Mandala, a website which has gone on to become the preeminent public forum in Southeast Asian Studies. In 2010, after returning to Canberra from Oxford, he was appointed Postdoctoral Fellow at the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security. From 2011, Nicholas held a number of key academic positions in the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, including as convenor of the PhB program and as Deputy Director of the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs. He also served as Director of the ANU Myanmar Research Centre, an institution he helped establish in 2015. In his final ANU role from 2017-2019, Nicholas was the Associate Dean in the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific responsible for development and impact initiatives. In this role, he led the College's engagement across government, business and civil society. Nicholas is currently the State Secretary for the Rhodes Scholarship in Tasmania. His primary academic focus is the study of political conflict and social change in mainland Southeast Asia. He has examined these themes across the borderlands where Myanmar rubs against India, Bangladesh and China. While studying these areas, Nicholas has continued to research, write and lecture about Thailand, a country at the heart of some of his oldest academic interests. Nicholas is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD) and a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (SFHEA).

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