

CHINA'S BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE 500 DAYS AFTER THE 2017 BEIJING SUMMIT: DEVELOPMENTS AND PROSPECTS

ROME, 1 OCTOBER 2018
H. 9:30 – H. 13:45

SALA MULTIMEDIALE - MONTE DEI PASCHI DI SIENA
VIA MARCO MINGHETTI, 30/A

In May 2017, China hosted a major conference on the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), President Xi Jinping's landmark project that aims to massively increase China's land and maritime trade with Central Asia and Europe. The summit was attended by major world leaders, including Italy's Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni, during Rome's chairmanship of the G7. One year later, President Xi's initiative has attracted significant attention across Europe and is mentioned in almost all bilateral meetings between China and the over 60 countries involved in the BRI, from the Balkans to South-East Asia, but also including EU member states. What has happened since the inaugural BRI Forum? How is China supporting its BRI in Europe? What could be done to better align the BRI with Europe's strategic priorities in a fast-changing global environment?



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A special thanks to Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena for kindly providing the conference room

09:00 – 09.30 Registration

09:30 – 10.00 Welcome remarks

FERDINANDO NELLI FEROCI, President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

MARCO MARAZZI, President, Easternational

10:00 – 10:30 Keynote Speech

PAOLO GENTILONI, former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Italy

LI RUIYU, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Italy

10:30-11:20 THE BRI AND EUROPE – Part I

Moderator:

NICOLA CASARINI, Senior Fellow, Global Actors Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

Speakers:

The BRI and the EU

FRANÇOISE NICOLAS, Senior Research Fellow & Director, Center for Asian Studies, Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI), Paris

The BRI and Southern Europe – the case of Greece

GEORGE PAPACONSTANTINO, Part-time Professor, School of Transnational Governance, EUI, Fiesole & Former Minister of Finance and Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change of the Hellenic Republic

11.20 – 11.40 Coffee break

11:40 – 12:30 THE BRI AND EUROPE – Part II

Moderator:

ANDREA GOLDSTEIN, Senior Economist, OECD

Speakers:

The BRI and Eastern Europe – Opportunities and Risks of the 16+1 Dialogue

PRZEMYSŁAW KOWALSKI, President, Center for Social and Economic Research (CASE), Warsaw

The BRI and post-Brexit UK

YU JIE, Head of China Foresight, LSE IDEAS, London School of Economics

12.30 – 13.30 THE BRI AND ITALY

Moderator:

ANDREA GOLDSTEIN, Senior Economist, OECD

Speakers:

DAVIDE CUCINO, Chairman, China-Italy Chamber of Commerce, Beijing

ALESSANDRO DECIO, Managing Director, SACE (Export Credit Corporation)

VINCENZO DE LUCA, Director General for Cultural and Economic Promotion
and Innovation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

13.30 – 13.45 CONCLUDING REMARKS

MICHELE GERACI, Under-Secretary of State for Economic Development

WORKING LANGUAGE: ENGLISH