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Workshop in Pavia – 1st October 2018

'From Present to Past: China & Global History'

This workshop aims at fostering the study of and discussion on China's global prominence from an historical perspective. It aims at identifying selected case studies of China's current role in the global system by tracing and reconstructing their historical evolution back to the 20th century. The growing volatility of current affairs analysis has led to the progressive marginalization of history as a reliable methodological and interpretative approach. The study of China's global rise is a perfect example of this phenomenon. The proposed workshop aims at promoting and applying source based, historical analysis, coupled with a solid conceptual framework.

At the workshop Chinese and European experts will tackle two main themes, conceptually and analytically:

- 1) China's closest neighbour - North Korea.
- 2) Whose neighborhood at the end of the BRI? China's Euro-Mediterranean policies since the Cold War.

Reconnecting these themes to a rich framework of historical analysis in the fields of international history and area studies will contribute to the creation of a powerful and attractive narrative and shed light on the long term causes and trends leading to the present, epoch-making impact of China's engagement with both its neighborhood and the European neighborhood.

Organizers:

Ilaria Poggiolini (Pavia);
Enrico Fardella (CMAS, PKU);
Christian Ostermann (Wilson Center);
Leopoldo Nuti (SISI-CIMA)

Dates: 1st October 2018

Venue: Palazzo Vistarino, Pavia

- 09.30 am Opening remarks by the Rector of UNIPV, Fabio Rugge,
and by Ilaria Poggiolini
- 10.00 am 1st Workshop (October 1st - morning)
China's closest neighbour: North Korea
chair (Leopoldo Nuti) discussant (Christian Ostermann)
- 10.00 am Kim Donggil
10.20 am Niu Jun
10.40 am Charles Kraus
11.00 am Axel Berkofsky
- 11.20 am discussion
- 12.30 pm lunch
- 03.00 pm 2nd Workshop (October 1st - afternoon)
**At the end of the BRI: China's Euro-Mediterranean
policies since the Cold War**
chair (Pierluigi Valsecchi) discussant (Simone Dossi)
- 03.00 pm Roie Yellinek
03.20 pm Ian Taylor
03.40 pm Enrico Fardella
04.00 pm Jovan Čavoški
- 04.20 pm discussion
- 07.00 pm dinner
keynote speech (Niklas Svanström)
**Chinese Foreign Policies Close and not so Close to Home –
The Past and Future**

Deadlines:

- Papers should be submitted by Sept. 1st, 2018
- The peer review process will be set in motion at the workshop itself: panelists, chairs and discussants are expected to engage critically
- Final papers will be completed by December 31st, 2018 and submitted for publication. The organizers of the workshop will cooperate in identifying publishing opportunities and sharing the editing process.

Funds:

- UNIPV will provide accommodation at Palazzo Vistarino (www.wp.unipv.it/vistarino) and travelling expenses for a selected number of guest speakers. Long distance guests are welcome to arrive in Pavia on the previous Saturday/Sunday September 29/30.
- CMAS, PKU will invite the panelists to Beijing Forum in November 2019 to present the follow up publishing project/projects originating at the workshop and plan the second workshop.