



Forum on the Belt and Road of Knowledge

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The Forum on the Belt and Road of Knowledge co-hosted by Renmin University of China and University of Padova on April 22-23, 2021 is an exclusive, invitation-only forum for senior experts and scholars from top universities and institutes all the way along the ancient land of the Silk Road.

Today's global challenges will redefine civilization: failing long-term growth goals, an increasingly exclusive development pattern and the widening gap of wealth are driving us to be unprecedentedly connected. One important way to reach a new peak of civilization is learning from ancient wisdom of the Silk Road. Dialogue and cooperation are also needed to seek shared solutions. The first Forum on the Belt and Road of Knowledge will feature a leadership agenda for people along the Silk Road to expect the revival of shared civilization in the coming decade.

The agenda includes world-renowned experts who will provide in-depth perspectives on the theme of "Cultural Heritage". Also, four sessions, including " Cultural Heritage: Research, Preservation, Valorization", " Protection of Cultural Heritage from the Perspective of Law and Policies ", " The Meaning of Cultural Heritage " and "Value, Restoration & Techniques of Cultural Heritage", are set for elaborated discussions and presentation of the delegates latest research findings, thus encouraging knowledge to free flow all the way along the Belt and Road "neighborhood" and striving to produce academic achievements with global influence.



Agenda

Day 1 - 22 April

Opening Ceremony of Forum on the Belt and Road of Knowledge

Italian Time 9:00-9:50
Beijing Time 15:00-15:50



Speech by Prof. Jin Nuo, Chairwoman of the University Council of Renmin University of China



Speech by Prof. Liu Wei, President of Renmin University of China (Video)



Speech by Prof. Rosario Rizzuto, Rector of the University of Padua [Online](#)



Speech by leader of Gansu Province, P.R. China



Speech by Dr. Stefania Commegno, Italian Embassy to China [Online](#)



Moderator: Prof. Du Peng, Vice President of Renmin University of China



Keynote Speech Moderator: Prof. Alessandro Paccagnella, Vice Rector of the University of Padua [Online](#)

Italian Time 9:50-10:15
Beijing Time 15:50-16:15



Professor Feng Huiling, Renmin University of China

Keynote Speech: Digital Conservation: The God of Life of Contemporary Cultural Heritage

Italian Time 10:15-10:45
Beijing Time 16:15-16:45



Professor Jacopo Bonetto, University of Padua [Online](#)

Keynote Speech: Research and Valorization in Cultural Heritage: from Universities to Communities along the Silk Road

Italian Time 10:45-11:10
Beijing Time 16:45-17:10



Mr. Chen Yanren, Head of Dunhuang Municipality

Keynote Speech: Dunhuang and the Spirit of Silk Road

Session 1: Cultural Heritage: Research, Preservation and Valorization

22 April Italian Time 13:00 - 16:00, Beijing Time 19:00 - 22:00

Organizers: School of History, School of Arts, RUC; Department of Cultural Heritage: Archaeology and History of Art, Cinema and Music, UniPD

Moderator: Professor Guido Bartorelli, Department of Cultural Heritage: Archaeology and History of Art, Cinema and Music, UniPD

Speakers

1. Professor Maria Stella Busana, University of Padua [Online](#)
Rediscovering Pompei: multidisciplinary methodological approaches to the knowledge, conservation and valorization of the ancient city

2. Professor Zhang Chun, Dean of School of Arts, Renmin University of China
Across Boundaries, Inheritance and Development -- Language Transformation of Traditional Culture in Contemporary Age

3. Professor Federica Toniolo, University of Padua [Online](#)
Movable treasure: A case study of Painted Manuscript Scattering

4. Professor Ray Langenbach, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman [Online](#)
Between Tragedy and Farce: Creating A Video Archive of Post-modern Southeast Asian Performance

5. Associate Professor Zhang Jianyu, Renmin University of China
One Cave, Four Pairs of Suns and Moons: East-West Cultural Exchange Reflected in the Sun-moon Motif from Dunhuang Cave 285

6. Assistant Professor Giulia Lavarone, University of Padua [Online](#)
The Representation of Cultural Heritage in Films as a Vehicle of Tourist Promotion

7. Associate Professor Ma Linfei, Renmin University of China
Research on Space Construction of Traditional Chinese Landscape Painting

8. Assistant Professor Lia Wei, Renmin University of China [Online](#)
Chinese Calligraphy and Architecture as Intangible Cultural Heritage: a Trans-historical Enquiry on the Definition of "Spirit" and "Authenticity"

9. Professor Margarita Gleba, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich [Online](#)
Threads to the Past: Recovering Ancient Textile Heritage through Archaeological Science



Session 2: Protection of Cultural Heritage from the Perspective of Law and Policies

22 April Italian Time 13:00 - 16:00, Beijing Time 19:00 - 22:00

Organizers: School of Law, School of Public Administration and Policy, RUC;
Department of Political Science, Law, and International Studies, UniPD



Moderator: Professor Zhang Lei, Renmin University of China

Speakers



1. Professor Wang Yunxia, Renmin University of China

Protection of the Rights and Interests of the Local Communities in Cultural Heritage Tourism



2. Associate Professor Liu Lina, Xi'an Jiaotong University

Witness of the Exchange between Eastern and Western Civilizations: the National Legal Protection of Maritime Cultural Heritage along the Maritime Silk Road



3. Professor Dong Wei, Southeast University

Constructing a Historical and Cultural Belt Based on "One Belt, One Road" -- with the Hexi Corridor as the Centre



4. Professor Patrizia Messina, Professor Lorenza Perini, University of Padua [Online](#)

Destination Management and Integrated Policies for Sustainable and Responsible Tourism.



5. Professor Lucia Coppolaro, University of Padua & Professor Helen Kavvadia, University of Luxembourg [Online](#)

Culture of Cultural Heritage Financing: the Case of the European Investment Bank



6. Professor Enrico Zamuner, University of Padua [Online](#)

The Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage in International Law



7. Professor Andreas Pantzatos, University of Cambridge [Online](#)

Heritage Ethics and the Belt of Dissonant Heritage

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Commentators



1. **Professor Liu Jian**, Vice Dean, School of Architecture, Tsinghua University [Online](#)



2. **Professor Tian Yan**, Minzu University of China [Online](#)



3. **Dr. Giorgio Andrian**, Project Manager UNESCO Expert, University of Padua [Online](#)

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Day 2 - 23 April

Session 3: The Meaning of Cultural Heritage

23 April Italian Time 9:00 - 12:00, Beijing Time 15:00 - 18:00

Organizer: School of Philosophy, RUC; Department of Philosophy, Sociology, Education and Applied Psychology, UniPD

Moderator: Professor Zang Fengyu, Dean of School of Philosophy, Renmin University of China



Speakers

1. Professor Wu Qiong, Renmin University of China

Another Way of "Going in": Padua School's Reconstructing the Images in Renaissance



2. Professor Massimiliano Carrara, University of Padua [Online](#)

Counterfeits and Replicas: How to Identify Something as a Piece of Cultural Heritage?



3. Professor Dennis Schilling, Renmin University of China [Online](#)

Documents and the Development of Modern Academic Thought of Dunhuang



4. Mr. Liu Bo, Deputy Director of the Center for Foreign Cultural Exchange of China National Academy of Arts

The Protection and Utilization of the Collection in the Art and Literature Museum of the Chinese National Academy of Arts --- Starting from "Waking up Guqin"



5. Professor Marcello Ghilardi, University of Padua [Online](#)

What Do We Mean When We Speak about "Cultural Heritage"? Potential and Risks of Tradition and Identity



Commentator: Professor Xu Difei, Renmin University of China



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Speakers

6. Professor Giuseppe Giordan, University of Padua [Online](#)
Religion, Spiritual Tradition and Cultural Heritage



7. Professor Jiang Bo, Vice Chairman of International Council on Monuments and Sites, Distinguished Professor, Institute of Cultural Heritage, Shandong University
Shipwreck: A Perspective on Maritime Silk Route



8. Professor Wang Yuting, American University of Sharjah [Online](#)
Chinese Islamic Architecture: Heritage and Innovation



9. Professor Wang Yujie, Renmin University of China
Persian Classics in Chinese Islam: the Spread of Islamic Knowledge along Belt and Road



Commentator: Professor Cao Nanlai, Renmin University of China



Session 4: Cultural Heritage Restoration Technology

23 April Italian Time 9:00 - 11:30, Beijing Time 15:00 - 17:30

Organizer: School of Information Resource Management, RUC; Department of Cultural Heritage: Archaeology and History of Art, Cinema and Music, UniPD



Moderator, Commentator: Mr Zhan Changfa, Vice Chairman of the China Foundation for Cultural Heritage Conservation

Speakers



1. Professor Zhang Meifang, Renmin University of China

The Legendary Journey of Cultural Heritage from Silk Road and its Preservation and Restoration --- A Case Study of Palm-leaf Manuscripts and Documents Unearthed from Xinjiang



2. Professor Rita Deiana, University of Padua [Online](#)

A Multidisciplinary Non-invasive Approach to Analyze Movable and Un-movable Treasures: the Belt of Knowledge from Italy to China in Cultural Heritage Research and Collaboration Perspectives



3. Mr. Lin Ming, Executive Deputy Chief Librarian, Sun Yat-Sen University

Research on the Restoration of Ancient Books in Xinjiang, China



4. Professor Giuseppe Salemi, University of Padua [Online](#)

From Black/White Photography to High Resolution 3D Models: New Approaches to Improve the Data Analysis and to Enhance the Knowledge. Case Study: the Gandhara Art from Swat Valley



5. Professor Agnieszka Helman-Ważny, University of Hamburg [Online](#)

The Paper Analysis and Preservation of Manuscripts from the Ancient Silk Road Kingdoms of Chinese Central Asia



6. Professor Marta Nezzo, University of Padua [Online](#)

Building a Global History of Art: Research and Virtual Exhibitions



7. Professor Li Yuhu, Shaanxi Normal University

Pollution-free Mass Deacidification and Reinforcement of Archives

