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Image: detail of a Chinese planisphere of 1763 find by He Gang in 2005, considered a reproduction of the map of Zheng He of the 1418.
SUNDAY, JULY 10TH

INSTITUTIONAL OPENING

16.00 Registration and Welcome

16.30 Welcome Addresses

Chair: Romano Prodi - President, Foundation for World Wide Cooperation

Zhao Jianguo - President, Standing Committee of Tianjin Binhai People’s Congress (Minister)

Xue Jinwen - Chancellor, Nankai University (V. Minister)

Michele Bugliesi - Chancellor, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice

Paola Mar - in representation of the Mayor of Venice, Counsellor for Municipalities Relations and Tourism

17.10 Institutional Presentations

Shan Zefeng - Vice Governor, Tianjin Binhai

Elisa De Berti - Regional Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

Lu Wei - President, Tianjin Port (Minister)

Paolo Costa - President, Venice Port Authority

18.00 Opening Remarks

Chair: Romano Prodi – President, Foundation for World Wide Cooperation

Alain Baron - Head of the International Transport Sector (DG MOVE), European Commission

Hossein Malaek - Deputy Head for Foreign Policy Research Center (CSR) and Former Ambassador to China

Tatiana Valovaya - Minister of Integration and Macroeconomics of the Eurasian Economic Commission

Paolo Gentiloni - Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs

Signature of a cooperation Memorandum of understanding Binhai (Tianjin) and City of Venice

Signature of a cooperation Memorandum of understanding Tianjin Port and Venice Port Authority

19.30 Cocktail Dinatoire

(Screening of the final match of UEFA EURO 2016)
MONDAY, JULY 11TH
DISCUSSION SESSIONS
HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE “ALONG THE SILK ROADS”
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09.00   Registration, Welcome Coffee and Photo Opportunities

09.30   Opening Session - Panel 1: General Geopolitical Scenario

    Chair: Jia Qingguo - Director, School of International Studies Peking University
    Giovanni Andornino - Vice President, Torino World Affairs Institute
    Giorgio Cuscito - Limes
    Enrico Fardella - Professor, Peking University / CMAS
    Ashraf Jehangir Qazi - Pakistan Ambassador

11.00   Panel 2: European Opportunities and Challenges

    Chair: Renzo Cavalieri - Professor, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice
    Danielle Elisseeff - Académie des sciences d’outre-mer, Paris
    Luigi Gambardella - President of ChinaEU, Board Member Executive Board ETNO, European Telecommunications Network Operators’ Association
    Andrea Goldstein - CEO, Nomisma Bologna
    Alexander Van de Putte - Board Member, National Investment Corporation of the National Bank of Kazakhstan and Professor of Strategic Foresight, IE Business School, Madrid

12.15   Panel 3: Asian Opportunities and Challenges

    Chair: Gao Jian - Vice Chairman of China One Road One Belt (OBOR) Research Center and Former Vice Governor of China Development Bank, Former Chairman of China Africa Fund
    Huang Baifu - Representative, People’s Liberation Army
    Alistar Crooke - Security Specialist Middle East
    Mohsen Shariatinia - Senior Research Fellow, Center for Strategic Research, Teheran
    Niu Xinchun - Head of CICIR Delegation

13.30   Lunch Break
14.30  Panel 4: OBOR Networks

Chair: Paolo Costa - President, Venice Port Authority
Mikhail Goncharov - Adviser to the President of Russian Federation - JSC Russian Railways
Hercules Haralambides - Professor, Erasmus School of Economics Rotterdam
Robert Kredig - Advisor to the Executive Board, OBB Holding AG
Olaf Merk - Administrator Ports and Shipping, International Transport Forum (ITF) at OECD
Marco Pluijm - Innovator and Specialist Port and Coastal Infrastructure
Lu Wei - President, Tianjin Port (Minister)

16.00  Concluding Round Table

Chair: David Gosset - Founder, Euro-China Forum, CEIBS
Shaukat Aziz - Former PM Pakistan
Pat Cox - Former President, European Parliament - European Coordinator for the TEN-T Scandinavian-Mediterranean Corridor, European Commission
Piero Fassino - President, CeSPI
Kairat Kelimbetov - Governor, Astana International Financial Centre
Enrico Letta - Former PM Italy

17.30  Conclusion and Final Remarks

Jörg Leichtfried - Austrian Minister for Transport, Innovation and Technology
Graziano Delrio - Italian Minister of Transport and Infrastructure
Romano Prodi - President, Foundation for World Wide Cooperation

18.30  End of the Conference