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**Conference Programme**

**November 30, Thursday**

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| **Arrival of the participants** |

**December 01, Friday**

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| **Time** | **Event** | | | | **Venue** | |
| **08.00-9.00** | **Registration of the participants** | | | | Foyer at Aula Magnum,  Sofia University | |
| **09.00-9.30** | **Opening ceremony**  Chair: Prof. Alexander Alexiev  **Welcoming Speeches:**  Prof. Dr. Habil. A. Gerdzhikov, Rector of Sofia University  H.E. Zhang Haizhou, Ambassador of PRC to Bulgaria  Prof. Dr. M. Danova, Dean of the Faculty of Classical and Modern Philologies in SU  Prof. Dr. Chen Ying, Head of Education Department in the Embassy of PRC in Bulgaria | | | | Aula Magnum,  Sofia University | |
| **09.30-10.30** | **Opening Plenary Session**  Chair: Assist. Prof. Antonia Tsankova  Prof. Dr. Alexander Alexiev, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  ***Welcoming Address on Behalf of the Chinese Studies Program in Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”***  Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nataša Vampelj Suhadolnik, Head of Department of Asian Studies, University of Ljubljana  ***Is the Lotus in the Han Wei Jin Tombs a Foreign Motif?***  Assoc.Prof. Dr. Pawel Zygadlo, XJTLU, Department of China Studies  ***Limao: a Local Exemplification of Universal Phenomenon or a Distinct Feature of Chinese Culture?*** | | | | Aula Magnum,  Sofia University | |
| **10.30-11.00** | **Coffee-break** | | | | Foyer at Aula Magnum,  Sofia University | |
| **11.00-13.00** | **Session One** | | | | **Section I:** Aula Magnum  **Section II:** Yaitseto Hall | |
| **Section I**  **Chinese Literature (I)**  **Chair: Dr. Zornitsa Kirkova**  *Each speaker has 20 min. for oral presentation. Another 20 min. are provided for overall discussions and concluding remarks.* | | | | **Section II**  **Social Studies, Economics and Politics (I)**  **Chair: Prof. Nako Stefanov**  *Each speaker has 20 min. for oral presentation. Another 20 min. are provided for overall discussions and concluding remarks.* | | |
| Assoc. Prof. Dr. Martin Svensson Ekström, University of Gothenburg, Department of Languages and Literatures  ***The Tomb and the Shield: Ekphrastic Readings of Xunzi, Homer and Mei Shen*** | | | | Dr. Ivaylo Gatev, Associate Researcher, Institute of Asia and Pacific Studies, University of Nottingham, Ningbo, China  ***Standardisation along the Silk Road Economic Belt*** | | |
| Dr. Zornitsa Kirkova, East Asian Department, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin – Preußischer Kulturbesitz  ***Poetry and Daoism in 5th and 6th Century Southern China*** | | | | Prof. Dr. Habil. Nako Stefanov, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  ***China’s Geopolitics*** | | |
| Wang Yibo, PhD Candidate, University of Edinburgh  ***The Rare Chinese Book Collection in the National Library of Scotland: Sources, Distinctive Copies and Current Situation*** | | | | Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alfiya Alikberova, Head of the Sinology and Altaic Studies Department, Kazan Federal University  ***Influence of Modern Russian-Chinese Relations on Shaping of V.V. Putin’s Public Image in China*** | | |
| Assist. Prof. Dr. Desislava Damyanova, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  ***Classical Daoist Thought and Chinese Influence in Accordance with the Concept ‘All-under-Heaven’ (Tianxia)*** | | | | Assoc. Prof. Dr. Evgeniy Kandilarov, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  ***Political and Economic Relations Between China and Bulgaria After the End of the Cold War*** | | |
| Tina Čok, Lecturer, University of Primorska, Faculty of Humanities, Slovenia  ***Conceptualisation And Verbalisation of Actions In Chinese and Slovene: A Comparative Study*** | | | | Katina Yoneva, PhD Candidate, Institute of History Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences  ***The Silk Road and the Amber Road as Axes of Interaction between Asia and Europe*** | | |
| **14.00-16.00** | | **Session Two** | | | **Section I:** Aula Magnum  **Section II:** Yaitseto Hall | |
| **Section I**  **Chinese Literature (II)**  **Chair: Banwo Adetoro Olaniyi**  *Each speaker has 20 min. for oral presentation. Another 20 min. are provided for overall discussions and concluding remarks.* | | | | **Section II**  **Social Studies, Economics and Politics (II)**  **Chair: Assist. Prof. Antonina Habova**  *Each speaker has 20 min. for oral presentation. Another 20 min. are provided for overall discussions and concluding remarks.* | | |
| Hristina Teodosieva, PhD Candidate, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  ***A Model of Identification in Chinese Literature: “The Mountain People”***  ***of Han Dong*** | | | | Prof. Dr. Yao Guangyi, University of Political Science and Law, School of Journalism and Communication, China  ***The Cultural Dissemination and the Influence of The Belt and Road*** | | |
| Assist. Prof. Veselin Karastoychev, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  ***The Unofficial Editions – Main Media of the Modern Chinese Poetry during the 80’s of the XX century*** | | | | Dr. Elizabeth Yoneva, University of National and World Economy, Sofia  ***China-Central Asia Relations in the Energy Sector: In Search for New Model of Cooperation*** | | |
| Tsz Wing Giovanna Wu, Lecturer, The Education University of Hong Kong  ***The Endangered Genre: Re-considering the Significance of the Eight-legged Essay in the History of Chinese Literature*** | | | | Assist. Prof. Dr. Antonina Habova, University of National and World Economy, Sofia  ***‘Mines’ Along the New Silk Road*** | | |
| Dr. Maria Momchilova, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  ***Transmediating mo’e (萌え)*** | | | | Assist. Prof. Dr. Hussein Ahmed, Khartoum College of Applied Studies, Khartoum, Sudan  ***China's Sources of Economic Strength and What Has It Offered to Africa*** | | |
| **16.00-16.30** | | **Coffee-break** | | | Foyer at Aula Magnum | |
| **16.30-18.30** | | **Session Three** | | | **Section I:** Aula Magnum  **Section II:** Yaitseto Hall | |
| **Section I**  **Chinese Language and Linguistics (I)**  **Chair: Dr. Paul Woods**  *Each speaker has 20 min. for oral presentation. Another 20 min. are provided for overall discussions and concluding remarks.* | | | | **Section II**  **Chinese Culture and Art (I)**  **Chair: Prof. Dr. Habil. Tatyana Evtimova**  *Each speaker has 20 min. for oral presentation. Another 20 min. are provided for overall discussions and concluding remarks.* | | |
| Prof. Dr. Alexander Alexiev, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  ***Determining Subclasses of Predicates in Chinese from a Dependency Grammar Viewpoint*** | | | | Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yi Jolan, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan  ***“Old” Women in the “New” History: Writing Chinese Women’s Lives in Early Republican China*** | | |
| Dr. Paul Woods, Research Tutor, East Asia, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies  ***Polysemy and Grammaticalisation: Domain Transfer in Mandarin and Cantonese*** | | | | Prof. Dr. Habil. Tatyana Evtimova, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  ***A New Book on India and China Dominating Our World*** | | |
| Assist. Prof. Dr. Antonia Tsankova, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  ***Semantic-Pragmatic Approach to the Functioning of Modal Particles in Modern Chinese*** | | | | Prof. Dr. Chan Man Sing, The Chinese University of Hong Kong  ***The Picture Album of Akedun’s Missions to Korea (阿克敦 《奉使圖》) : Selfhood Refashioning in Inter-media Art*** | | |
| Dr. Romain Lefebvre, Lecturer of History of China, University of Artois ***Tangut Almanac Studies*** | | | | Assoc. Prof. Dr. Miglena Tzenova-Nusheva, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences  ***Chinese and Japanese Understandings of the Relation between Nature and Music*** | | |
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| **18.30** | | | **Conference Banquet** | | | “Alma Mater” Restaurant, Sofia University |

**December 02, Saturday**

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| **09.00-11.00** | **Session Four** | | | | **Section I:** Aula Magnum  **Section II:** Hall I |
| **Section I**  **Chinese Language and Linguistics (II)**  **Chair: Assoc. Prof. He Juling**  *Each speaker has 20 min. for oral presentation. Another 20 min. are provided for overall discussions and concluding remarks.* | | | **Section II**  **Chinese Culture and Art (II)**  **Chair: Assist. Prof. Evelina Hein**  *Each speaker has 20 min. for oral presentation. Another 20 min. are provided for overall discussions and concluding remarks.* | | |
| Mariana Muenning, PhD Candidate, University of Heidelberg, Institute of Chinese Studies  ***From the National Language to the Simplified Script: The Phonologist Wei Jiangong 魏建功 (1901–1980) between Language Study and Language Planning*** | | | Assoc. Prof. Dr. Victoria Bogushevskaya, Milan Catholic University  ***What’s in a Name? On the Concept and the Ways of Naming ART in Chinese*** | | |
| Assist. Prof. Liu Hanzhen, Head of Sino-center, Vistula University of Warsaw, Poland  ***Rampant Wrong Uses of Chinese Characters: Not a Worrier-of-Qi for De-orthodoxy of Chinese Language, Spoken and Written*** | | | Banwo Adetoro Olaniyi, PhD Candidate, Xiamen University, China; The Confucius Institute at the University of Lagos, Akoka, Nigeria  ***Chinese Perception of World Races: Representations and Disjunctions*** | | |
| Vladislav Kruglov, Head of the Department of the Chinese language, Center of pedagogical proficiency (The CPP)  ***The Participation of Chinese Origin Pupils in the All-Russian Chinese Language Olympiad*** | | | Assist. Prof. Evelina Hein, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  ***A Cultural Industry Park – The New Secular Modus Vivendi of The Sacred Mountain Taishan?*** (Part I) | | |
| Assoc.Prof. Dr. He Juling, Xi’an Technological University; Sofia University  ***The Methods of Cultivation of Chinese Pragmatic Competence in Bulgarian College Students*** | | | Lachezara Nikolova, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  ***Lessons on Happiness by Ye Shengtao*** | | |
| Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alfiya Alikberova, Head of the Sinology and Altaic Studies Department, Kazan Federal University  ***Innovative Interaction between Universal Linguistic Principles and Computer Technology in Improvement of Methods of Teaching Chinese to Preschool and School-Aged Children*** | | |  | | |
| **11.00-11.30** | **Coffee-break** | | | Foyer at Aula Magnum | |
| **11.30-13.15** | **Session Five** | | | **Section I:** Aula Magnum  **Section II:** Hall I | |
| **Section I**  **Chinese Philosophy and Religion**  **Chair: Assist. Prof. Teodora Koutzarova**  *Each speaker has 20 min. for oral presentation. Another 20 min. are provided for overall discussions and concluding remarks.* | | **Section II**  **Chinese History**  **Chair: Mario Appen**  *Each speaker has 20 min. for oral presentation. Another 20 min. are provided for overall discussions and concluding remarks.* | | | |
| Assist. Prof. Dr. Donna M.F. Wu, Chinese Culture University, Taipei, Taiwan  ***The Fate View of Chinese Emperor*** | | Tsvetelina Nedyalkova, Lecturer, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  ***The Problem of the Origin of the Ancient Qiang People (古羌) and Their Place in Chinese History*** | | | |
| Assist. Prof. Dr. Teodora Koutzarova, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  ***Typology of the Ancient Perception of Fluidity Based on the Radicals for Fluids (‘Water’, ‘Wind’, ‘Cloud’, ‘Qi’, etc.)*** | | Assist. Prof. António Eduardo Hawthorne Barrento, University of Lisbon  ***On the Margins of the Inconsequential? The Wider Relevance of the History of Tourism in Late Qing and Republican China*** | | | |
| Assist. Prof. Dr. Nadezhda Nikolova, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences  ***Ethno-cultural Vocabulary at the New Year's Eve of Bulgarians and Chinese*** | | Mario Appen, PhD Candidate, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  ***Colonel A. P. Appen in China (1925–1927) (Very Short Biography of a Soviet Military Advisor)*** | | | |
| Assist. Prof. Dr. Prachi Aggarwal, Department of Chinese language; Sanchi University  ***Understanding Interrelationship between Chinese Language and Buddhism*** | | Plamena Koeva, PhD Candidate, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”  ***International Reactions* to The Tian'anmen *Incident (1989)*** | | | |
| **13.15-14.30** | **Closing Ceremony**  Concluding Remarks for the Sections of Chinese Language and Linguistics by Assoc.Prof. Dr. He Juling  Concluding Remarks for the Sections of Chinese Literature, Philosophy and Religion by Assist. Prof. Dr. Teodora Koutzarova  Concluding Remarks for the Sections of Chinese Culture and Art by Banwo Adetoro Olaniyi  Concluding Remarks for the Sections of Chinese History, Economics and Politics by Assist. Prof. Dr. Antonina Habova  Closing Address by Prof. Dr. Alexander Alexiev, Head of Chinese Studies Program in Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” | | | Aula Magnum, Sofia University | |