## THE SILK ROAD AND RELIGIONS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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The Conference *The Silk Road and Religions* organized by the Confucius Institute in cooperation with the Department of History, Archeology and Art History of the *Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore* and the Institute of World Religions of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences will be held in 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Arts and Crafts Space (Building C) of the KIP Pavilion on 20 October.

The conference will be in English and organized as the following programme:

10.30-13.00

Welcome

Giovanni Gobber, Dean of Faculty of Linguistic Sciences and Foreign Literatures, Università Cattolica

Wang Dong, Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Milan (to be confirmed) Indunil Janakaratne Kodithuwakku Kankanamalage, Undersecretary of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue

## Introductory remarks

Elisa Giunipero, Confucius Institute at Università Cattolica

From Buddhism to Islam in Central Asia

Liu Xinru, College of New Jersey

Religions and globalization

Agostino Giovagnoli , Università Cattolica The influence of Central Asian Sufism in China

Yan Qiongying, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Christian monks on the Silk Road

Matteo Nicolini Zani, Bose Monastery (Italy)

## 15.00-18.00

Paola Rossi, Università degli Studi di Milano

Chinese pilgrims and Buddhism in India

Maurizio Paolillo, Università del Salento

Absent boundaries. Daoism and the western tradition

Yu Youxue, BLCU and Chinese Director, Confucius Institute at Università Cattolica

Confucian thought along the Silk Road

Michele Brunelli, Università di Bergamo

The Mendicant Orders in Persia: positive endeavors towards mutual acquaintance and understanding

Simona Merlo, Università della Valle d'Aosta

Russian Orthodoxy on the Silk Road

Riccardo Redaelli, Università Cattolica

The Silk Road in the 21st century: a geopolitical perspective

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