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# 1919–1949: The Birth of Modern China

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**Aula Magna "Silvio Trentin"**

Ca' Dolfin Centre for Chiang Kai-shek  
and Modern Chinese History-  
Zhejiang University  
International Workshop  
Ca' Foscari University of Venice

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Chen Hongmin, Laura De Giorgi,  
Guido Samarani

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## Speakers

Chen Hongmin (Zhejiang University)  
Aglaia De Angeli (University of Belfast)  
Laura De Giorgi (Università Ca' Foscari  
Venezia)  
Federica Ferlanti (Università di Cardiff)  
Elisa Giunipero (Università Cattolica  
di Milano)  
Sofia Graziani (Università di Trento)  
Jiang Pei (Nankai University)  
Li Moses  
Lü Jing (Nanjing University)  
Qi Chunfeng (Nanjing Normal University)  
Guido Samarani (Università Ca' Foscari  
Venezia)  
Xiao Ruping (Zhejiang University)  
Zhao Xingsheng (Shandong University)  
Zhong Sheng (Hunan Normal University)

## Conference Program

**9.30**

Prof. Marco Ceresa, Head of the  
Department of Asian and North-African  
Studies

Prof. Guido Samarani, Director of the  
Marco Polo Centre for Global Europe-  
Asia Connections

### Welcome greetings

Official ceremony for Dr. Moses Li's book  
donation and the agreement between Dr.  
Moses Li and the Department of Asian and  
North African Studies

Dr. Moses Li

*Preserving the Originals*

Ceremony for Moses Li's donation of the  
special celadon commemorative plate  
for Ca' Foscari University of Venice

### 10.00 Keynote speech

Prof. Chen Hongmin (Zhejiang University)  
*Approached to the Center: China's Step  
to the International Stage*

### 10.30–11.00 Coffee Break

### 11.00–12.10 First session

Federica Ferlanti (chair)

Jiang Pei (Nankai University)  
*The convergence of media technology and  
politics and the movement of resistance  
in the May Fourth*

Sofia Graziani (University of Trento)  
*Youth in modern Chinese politics: discursive  
practices and political organizing in the early  
twentieth century (1915-1924)*

Qi Chunfeng (Nanjing Normal University)  
*Outside the Nationalists and the Communists:  
An investigation of the autonomy  
of the mass movements in modern China*

### 12.15–14.00 Lunch

### 14.00–15.30 Second session

Elisa Giunipero (chair)

Zhong Sheng (Hunan University)  
*The Zunyi Conference and the construction  
of the image of Mao Zedong's Leadership*

Federica Ferlanti (Cardiff University)  
*What is 'modern China'? Desperately  
seeking for A birthday'*

Lü Jing (Nanjing University)  
*The bacteriological war in conceptual history*

Aglaia De Angeli (University of Belfast)  
*Discovering a Republican Archive:  
The Wright Collection and the Glass slides  
at Queen's University Belfast*

### 15.30–15.45 Coffee Break

### 15.45–17.15 Third session

Aglaia De Angeli (chair)

Guido Samarani (Ca' Foscari University  
of Venice)  
*Italy's changing relations with China (late  
Thirties-early Forties)*

Xiao Ruping (Zhejiang University)  
*A political choice in a critical context:  
Gu Weijun and 1949*

Elisa Giunipero (Catholic University  
of Milan)  
*Chinese Catholics in Shanghai (1919-1939)*

Zhao Xingsheng (Shandong University)  
*Poverty and the premodern era: the basic  
dimensions of economic history of the  
republican era*

### 17.15–17.30 Concluding remarks

Laura De Giorgi (Ca' Foscari University  
of Venice)