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Institute of World Religions – Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

## THE SILK ROAD AND RELIGIONS

**20 October 2015**

**EXPO - Milan  
KIP Pavilion - 2nd Floor, Building C**

### 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  
Inter-religious 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)





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15.00-18.00

*Chinese pilgrims and Buddhism in India*

Paola Rossi, Università degli Studi di Milano

*Absent boundaries. Daoism and the western tradition*

Maurizio Paolillo, Università del Salento

*Confucian thought along the Silk Road*

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

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

Michele Brunelli, Università di Bergamo

*Russian Orthodoxy on the Silk Road*

Simona Merlo, Università della Valle d'Aosta

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

Riccardo Redaelli, Università Cattolica

## Working Language

English

## Attendance

The conference is free and open to the public.

