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PROGRAM

March 17, 2015 at Peking University

9:00–9:30 AM: Opening Ceremony

Introduction by Dr. Kemal Silay, Indiana University, USA

Opening Remarks by Dr. Michael McRobbie, President, Indiana University

9:30–10:15 AM: Keynote Speech by Dr. Pan Guang, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, People’s Republic of China

10:30 AM–1:00 PM: Panels

PANEL I: CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY TOWARD THE MIDDLE EAST

Moderator: Dr. Zan Tao, Peking University

“China’s Middle East Strategy after the Arab Spring” by Dr. Kong Yan, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, People’s Republic of China

“Making a Difference? China and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict” by Dr. Guy Burton, University of Nottingham, Malaysia Campus, UK
“China’s Role, Operation Progress and Strength Limitation since Iraq Reconstruction: An Analysis Based on the Swot Model” by Dr. Jiang Xudong, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, People’s Republic of China

“Is China Becoming a New Hegemony in the Middle East?” by Dr. Mojtaba Mahdavi, University of Alberta, Canada

“Chinese Foreign Policy toward Iran’s Nuclear Program beyond the Revisionism Paradigm” by Dr. Moritz A. Pieper, School of International Studies, University of Kent, Brussels

“Will Silk Road Economic Belt Project Solve the ‘Uygur Problem’ between Turkey and China?” by Adnan Akfirat, People’s Republic of China

**PANEL II: SINO-TURKISH RELATIONS: PAST AND PRESENT**

Moderator: Dr. Tuğrul Keskin, Portland State University, USA

“The Coverage of China in Turkish Academic Literature: An Overview” by Dr. Seriye Sezen, Institute for Turkey and the Middle East, Republic of Turkey

“Turkish-Chinese Bilateral and Multilateral Security Cooperation” by Dr. Lenore G. Martin, Harvard University, USA

“The Developing Relations between Turkey and China during the Last Decade” by Dr. Barış Doster, Marmara University, Republic of Turkey

“Sino-Turkish Relations in the Context of Cold War Politics” by Dr. Barış Adibelli, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Dumlupınar University, Republic of Turkey

“Confucius Institutes’ Importance in Turkish-Chinese Relations” by Dr. Begümşen Ergenekon, Middle East Technical University, Republic of Turkey

“Turkey and China in Central Asia: The New Silk Road to the Nascent Struggle for Recognition in International Affairs” by Dr. Emilian Kavalski, Australian Catholic University, Australia

“One Belt, One Road’: A Win-Win Proposition for Turkey-China Relations?” by Dr. Umut Ergünsü, Peking University, People’s Republic of China

1:00–2:00 PM: Lunch

2:00–4:30 PM: Panels
PANEL III: SINO-IRANIAN RELATIONS: PAST AND PRESENT

Moderator: Dr. Jamsheed Choksy, Indiana University, USA

“China’s Strategic Relations with Iran” by Dr. Ya Zhao, Indiana University, USA

“China-Iran Cooperation in Central Asia” by Dr. Ajay Patnaik, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

“China’s Strategic Culture and Its Non-Proliferation Behavior toward Iran” by Dr. Mohiaddin Messbahi, Florida International University, USA and Dr. Mohamad Homayounvash, Louisiana State University, USA

“Understanding China-Iran Energy Relations: Its Intentions, Complexities and Ramifications” by Dr. Sima Baidya, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

“Iran and China: A Soft Power Coalition” by Dr. Arash Reisinezhad, Florida International University, USA

“The Image of China in Iranian Classical Poetry” by Dr. Hadi Sultan-Qurraie, University of Washington, USA

PANEL IV: SINO-ARAB RELATIONS: PAST AND PRESENT

Moderator: Dr. Mojtaba Mahdavi, University of Alberta, Canada

“The Gulf Looks East: Sino-Arab Relations in an Age of Instability” by Dr. Geoffrey F. Gresh, National Defense University, USA

“China-Gulf Relations: Current Strengths and Future Possibilities” by Dr. Jacqueline Armijo, Qatar University, Qatar

“China’s Emerging Soft Power in the Middle East: Cultural Diplomacy of China’s Arabic Satellite Television Channel” by Dr. Wai-Yip Ho, Hong Kong Institute of Education, Hong Kong

“Political Economy of China Toward Middle East” by Dr. Juan Cole, University of Michigan, USA

March 18, 2015 at Indiana University China Office

9:45–10:00 AM: Welcoming Ceremony at the Indiana University China Office

Introduction by Dr. Kemal Silay, Indiana University, USA
10:00 AM–12:00 PM: Panel

**PANEL V: SINO-ISRAELI RELATIONS: PAST AND PRESENT**

Moderator: Dr. Kemal Silay, Indiana University, USA

“China in the Middle East” by Dr. Yitzhak Shichor, University of Haifa, Israel

“The Sino-Israel Relationship from the Chinese Perspective” by Dr. Yiyi Chen, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, People’s Republic of China

“Israel-China Relations: The Post Harpy-Drone Decade” by Dr. Alvite Singh Ningthoujam, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

“China and the Middle East: Embarking on a Strategic Approach” by Dr. James M. Dorsey, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

12:00–1:00 PM: Lunch

1:00–3:30 PM: Panel

**PANEL VI: CHINA’S ENERGY SECURITY STRATEGY AND THE MIDDLE EAST**

Moderator: Dr. Carol E. B. Choksy, Indiana University, USA

“Seek Knowledge Even If It Takes You to China (Via Washington): America, China, and Saudi Arabia in the Twenty-First Century” by Dr. Sean Foley, Tennessee State University, USA

“A Five-Dimensional Paradigm: Energy, Trade, Arms Sales, Cultural Relations, and Political Cooperation” by Dr. Muhamad Olimat, Khalifa University of Science, UAE

“Hajj Politics and Hajj Diplomacy in Modern China” by Dr. Alexander Jost, Peking University, People’s Republic of China

“Being a Global Power through Soft Power: The China Case in the Caucasian and Central Asian Region” by Dr. Özlem Arzu, Istanbul University, Republic of Turkey

3:30–4:00 PM: Closing Remarks by Dr. Zan Tao, Peking University, People’s Republic of China

5:00–7:00 PM: Dinner