

Course Syllabus

Basics for Intercultural Dialogue and Communication Between Ancient Civilizations of the Belt-and-Road Initiative

Tuesday, July 16:

- Eurasia and Africa from the bird's eye perspective; most general historical developments from prehistory to the modern times; language families and main civilizations (overview).

Wednesday, July 17:

- East Asia (1); China (1), introduction, historical & cultural, systematic overview; basic questions with regard to the following sessions. How to connect modern China to the world in the sphere of cultural and civilizational traditions?
- What is culture? What is civilization? What are the major social categories of cultural practices? Eight forms of cultural diplomacy. Basic forms of cultural strategy in intercultural communication.

Thursday, July 18:

- East Asia (2) Mongolia; North East Asia (Siberian part of Russia); cultural exchange; historical & cultural, systematic overview; possible elements of intercultural communication with China.
- Central Asia; Kazakhstan; historical & cultural, systematic overview; cultural exchange; possible elements of intercultural communication with China.

Friday, July 19:

- Eastern Europe; European part of Russia; historical & cultural; possible elements of intercultural communication with China.
- Central Europe and Southern Europe; Germany and Italy; historical & cultural, systematic overview; possible elements of intercultural communication with China.

Tuesday, July 23:

- West Asia and North East Africa; Iran and Turkey; Egypt and Saudi Arabia; Arabic North Africa; historical & cultural, systematic overview; possible elements of intercultural communication with China.

Wednesday, July 24:

- South Asia; Pakistan and India; historical & cultural, systematic overview; possible elements of intercultural communication with China.
- South East Asia; Indonesia; historical & cultural, systematic overview; possible elements of intercultural communication with China.

Thursday, July 25:

- Western Europe; Great Britain, France, Spain; historical & cultural, systematic overview; possible elements of intercultural communication with China.
- Sub-Saharan Africa; historical & cultural, systematic overview; possible elements of intercultural communication with China.
- Middle and South America; historical & cultural, systematic overview; possible elements of intercultural communication with China.

Friday, July 26:

- Summary of the course:
- Historical cultural influences of China on other regions: on other East Asian nations, on South-East Asia, on the pre-Islamic Persian sphere, on Islamic civilizations, on the European Enlightenment and colonial forces, on Latin America, on the United States during their founding stage.
- The new civilizational and cultural influence of China in the context of the shared destiny of mankind as well as the intercultural communication of Chinese civilizational and cultural elements.