

# **Monitoring Central Asia and the Caspian Area**

**Development policies, regional trends, and Italian interests** 

# Ca' Foscari University of Venice Great Hall "Silvio Trentin", Ca' Dolfin, Calle de la Saoneria 3829, Venice 8th of April 2019, h. 10:15 – 16:15

## Welcoming speeches h. 10:15 – 11:15

**Tiziana Lippiello** Vice Rector for International Relations, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

**Aldo Ferrari** Professor and Director of ELEO Master, Ca' Foscari University

**Rustam Kayumov** Counselor, Embassy of Uzbekistan in Italy

**Ruslan Rzayev** First Secretary, Embassy of Azerbaijan in Italy

**Aigerim Raissova** Chief of economic desk, Embassy of Kazakhstan in Italy

**Stefano Ravagnan** Former Italian Ambassador to Kazakhstan. Section General Commissioner for EXPO Astana 2017

**Giovanni Scopa** Counselor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Russia, Central Asia and Caucasus desk

#### New trends in the Central Asia and Caspian area h. 11:20 – 13:15

**Chairs: Matteo Fumagalli** Senior Lecturer, University of St Andrews **Keynote Speech: Emil Dzhuraev** Teaching Fellow, OSCE Academy in Bishkek *On the Other Side of Major Power Agendas: Evolving "Multi-Vector" Pathways of Central Asian States* 

Sven-Olov Carlsson Head, European Union Delegation to Kazakhstan The new EU Strategy for Central Asia
Farkhod Tolipov Director, 'Bilim Karvoni' Institute, Tashkent Uzbekistan-2.0 and Central Asia-2.0
Fabio Indeo Researcher, ASIAC and NATO Defense College Foundation New trends in Central Asian connectivity
Carlo Frappi Researcher, Ca' Foscari University Trans-Caspian connectivity. A view from Azerbaijan

#### Italian interests in and projection towards the area h. 14:15 – 16:15

### Chairs: Stefano Ravagnan

**Keynote Speech: William Thompson** Head, OECD-OCSE, Eurasia Division Enhancing Connectivity in Central Asia: The Role of Institutions and Policies

**Paolo Ghirelli** President, Bonatti S.p.A Italian companies in the construction sector in Kazakhstan

**Stefano Bonaldo** Head of Office, President and Secretary General Staff, North Adriatic Sea Port Authority

*Waterways between the Caspian and the Adriatic Sea. Opportunities and Challenges* 

**Riccardo Fuochi** Vice President, Easternational Transportation's logistics of the "belt" of the Silk Way in Central Asia

**Tommaso Trevisani** Professor, University of Naples "L'Orientale"

Central Asian Agriculture: challenges and opportunities **Paolo Sorbello** Researcher, University of Glasgow Italian business in Central Asia: In and Around the Energy sector

**Eugenio Novario** Executive Vice President, IEA Export Consortium *Closing remarks* 

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