

Inaugural SIGNAL@IPS Israel's China Policy Conference

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Chais Auditorium, Arazi-Ofer Building, IDC Herzliya Campus, Israel

PROGRAM

9:30

Gathering & Refreshments

10:00

Opening Session

GREETINGS:

Prof. **Alex Mintz**, Director, Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS), IDC Herzliya

Prof. **CUI Xiliang**, President, Beijing Language and Culture University

Ms. **Carice Witte**, Founder & Executive Director, SIGNAL – Sino-Israel Global Network & Academic Leadership

Opening Keynote Addresses:

H.E. **ZHAN Yongxin**, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the State of Israel

H.E. Maj. Gen. (res.) **Matan Vilnai**, Ambassador of the State of Israel to the People's Republic of China

10:45

Israel, the Belt, and the Road: Economic and Political Implications of China's Silk Road Initiative

Prof. **LUO Lin**, Executive Director of Arab Studies Center, Dean of School of Middle East Studies, Beijing Language and Culture University

Mr. **Dorian Barak**, Managing Partner, Indigo Global

Mr. **Yossi Katribas**, Senior Deputy Director General, Prime Minister's Office

Amb. **Yaffa Ben-Ari**, Deputy Director General for Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Captain **Yigal Maor**, Director General, Administration of Shipping and Ports, Ministry of Transport and Road Safety

Moderator: Dr. **Francesco Sisci**, Columnist for Asia Times; Senior Research Associate, Renmin University of China (RUC)

12:15

Lunch Break

13:00

From Flourishing Economic and R&D Cooperation to the Realities of Chinese-Israeli Geopolitics

Prof. **Uzi Arad**, Former Head of the National Security Council and Former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister

Dr. **CUI Shoujun**, Assistant Dean and Head of the Center for Middle East and African Studies (CMEAS), School of International Studies, Renmin University of China (RUC)

Mr. **Ephraim Halevi**, Former Head of the Mossad

Dr. **ZHOU Qi**, Executive Director, National Strategy Institute (NSI), Tsinghua University

Dr. **Eyal Propper**, Deputy Head, Division for Strategic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Moderator: Mr. **Tommy Steiner**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS), IDC Herzliya

14:30

Coffee Break

15:00

The Future of China-Israel Relations: Defining and Achieving Israel's Interests

Amb. **Mark Sofer**, Deputy Director General for Asia-Pacific, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

H.E. **Dave Sharma**, Ambassador of Australia to the State of Israel

Mr. **Eran Etzion**, Executive Director, Forum of Strategic Dialogue; Founder, Israel Center for Strategic Futures; Former Head of Policy Planning at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Dr. **Francesco Sisci**, Columnist for Asia Times; Senior Research Associate, Renmin University of China (RUC)

Ms. **Carice Witte**, Founder & Executive Director, SIGNAL – Sino-Israel Global Network & Academic Leadership

Moderator: Mr. **David Horovitz**, Founding Editor, The Times of Israel

16:30

Closing Session

Keynote Address:

Amb. Dr. **Dore Gold**, Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Concluding Remarks and Farewell:

Mr. **Tommy Steiner**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS), IDC Herzliya