



Boao Forum for Asia Rome Conference

December 4-5, 2018 Rome, Italy

Asia-Europe Leaders' Cooperation Dialogue

Tuesday, December 4th

14:00 - 18:00 **Registration**

15:30 - 17:30 **Asia-Europe CEO Roundtable**
(invitation only)

Trianon, Lower Level, The Westin Excelsior Rome

Leading Technology Industry Trends

- The expanding frontiers of science have been constantly capturing our imagination about the origin of the world and ourselves. The Fourth Industrial Revolution, together with the Internet of Everything and 5G, calls for coordinated development on a global scale.
- What frontier technologies and business models will become the next super powerhouses of growth that will transform human society and business development?
- How can companies leverage the opportunities of global innovation to strengthen their innovation capabilities in core technologies in this new era?
- How can Asia and Europe achieve win-win cooperation in major scientific and technological breakthroughs in strategic emerging industries, technology transfer and IPR protection?
- What role should the government play in technology development? What success stories can we learn from developed countries in this regard?

Moderator

- Wang Shuo, Managing Editor, Editor-in-Chief, Caixin.com

19:30 - 21:30 **Welcome Dinner**
(invitation only)

- Li Ruiyu, Chinese Ambassador to Italy



Wednesday, December 5th

- 08:00 - 12:00** **Registration**
- 09:00 - 09:30** **Opening Ceremony**
Winter Garden, Lobby Level, The Westin Excelsior Rome
Moderator
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Welcome Remarks
- Li Baodong, Secretary-General, Boao Forum for Asia
- Valerio De Molli, Managing Partner, The European House - Ambrosetti
Keynote Address
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- 09:30 - 10:30** **Plenary Session**
A Dialogue with Asia-Europe Leaders: Facing up to De-Globalisation
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Moderator
- Li Baodong, Secretary-General, Boao Forum for Asia
Panelists
- Jeroem Dijsselbloem, Former Chairman of Eurogroup and Minister of Finance of The Netherlands
- Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary General of ASEAN
- Zhou Xiaochuan, BFA Vice Chairman
- 10:30 - 10:45** **Coffee Break**
- 10:45 - 12:15** **Session 1**
5 Years on: Retrospect and Prospect of Belt and Road Initiative
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- Given the scope of its geographic landscape, member countries of the Belt& Road Initiative are at different phases of economic development. As far as economic diversity and gaps between nations are concerned, what are the challenges that may arise in practice?
- What success stories can be learned from the initiative? What are the issues that remain to be seen and addressed?
Moderator
- Ma Jun, Director of the Center for Finance and Development, Tsinghua National Institute of Financial Research
Panelists



- Kurt Bodewig, European Coordinator for the TEN-T Baltic-Adriatic Corridor, European Commission; Former Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, Germany
- Chen Feng, Co-founder, Chairman of the Board of Directors, HNA Group
- Li Bo, Vice Chairman, All-China Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese, ACFROC
- Liu Bing, Co-President, Hengchang Litong Investment Management (Beijing) Co.,Ltd

12:15 - 13:30 **Buffet Lunch**

14:00 - 15:30 **Session 2**
The Future of Digital Economy

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- How will digital technology reshape the future of economy?
- Amid the bewildering array of emerging technologies ranging from Artificial Intelligence to big data, cloud computing, the Internet of Things and blockchain, which are the technologies that really merit our attention?
- What are the strengths and weaknesses of the digital economy of Asia and Europe?
- What success stories can be shared between Asia and Europe in terms of technological collaboration in the age of open innovation?

Moderator

- Valerio De Molli, Managing Partner, The European House – Ambrosetti

Panelists

- Shi Wenchao, President, China UnionPay
- Esko Aho, Former Prime Minister of Finland and Innovation expert

15:30 - 16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00 - 17:30 **Session 3**
Climate Change: From Environmental Pressure to Growth Engine

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- Does growth really have to come at the cost of environmental protection? And vice versa?
- The European Union is building “green growth” as a new growth engine and competitive driver for the future. Asia, on the other hand, is home to a large number of developing countries. Despite their rapid economic progress, growth remains their priority in view of



their wide gap with the developed world. In this context, how can Asia achieve "green growth" to solve the either-or dilemma and harmonize environmental protection with growth?

- What successful experiments have we conducted in leveraging green finance to support green growth?
- To accomplish the goal of controlling global average temperature as established in the Paris Agreement, national actions and international coordination are both essential, but how will global environmental governance evolve with international coordination efforts? What roles can Asia and Europe play in this process?

Moderator

- Zhang Yansheng, Senior Researcher Fellow, Academic Committee of National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC); Chief Research Fellow, China Center for International Economic Exchanges (CCIEE)

Panelists

- Wang Shi, Founder of Vanke Co., Ltd.; Chairman of the Board, Vanke Foundation; Founding Board Member of C Team

17:30 - 17:45

Closing

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Moderator

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Remarks

- Li Baodong, Secretary-General, Boao Forum for Asia
- Paolo Borzatta, Senior Partner, The European House – Ambrosetti
- Romano Prodi, Former Prime Minister of Italy

*Conference speakers in alphabetical order

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