

SILK COUNCIL

丝绸之路促进会

Facing global challenges together

Avv. Lifang Dong

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Who we are

Silk Council is an Association that promotes multilateral and open cooperation between Public Institutions, Embassies, Financial Institutions, Associations, entrepreneurs, professionals, individuals, academic, scientific, cultural, social and economic entities in different countries along the New Silk Road, fostering the creation of international synergies at a multidisciplinary level.

Our Values

*Friendship
Culture
Solidarity
Multiculturalism
Ethics
Professionalism
Entrepreneurship
Global vision
Win-win cooperation*

The logo for Silk Council features the word "SILK" in a light grey, sans-serif font, followed by "COUNCIL" in a larger, bold, light grey font. The letter "C" in "COUNCIL" is stylized with a red, curved shape that loops around it, resembling a silk thread or a stylized "S".

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Mission & Vision

- 1.To promote multilateral and open cooperation between public and private institutions, foreign embassies, associations, entrepreneurs, professionals, academic, scientific, cultural, socio-economic entities along the New Silk Road;*
- 2.To create international synergies at a multidisciplinary level, fostering trustable relationships amongst our members;*
- 3.To share knowledge, human and professional experiences and contacts for inspiring new culture and business opportunities at international level;*
- 4.To connect brilliant people who can contribute positively to society, by offering its own added value.*



President of Silk Council Association Avv. Lifang Dong

First Italian lawyer of Chinese heritage

Language skills: English, Italian, Chinese Mandarin, Wenzhou dialect, French

- Legal Advisory Committee of All-China Federation of Returned Overseas Chinese (ACFROC)
- Selected on a global scale as legal counsel of China State Council's Chinese Overseas Office for Italy in Europe
- Member of Chinese Judicial Studies Association (CJSA), founded by the China Supreme People's Court, selected as representative for Italy
- Chief Representative of Wenzhou International Arbitration Center in Rome
- Legal counsel of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Italy
- 1st Chinese origin Member of the Task Force China of the Italian Ministry of Economic Development (International Relations macro-area and One Belt One Road macro-area)
- Member of Institutional and International Relations Committee and Intellectual Property Commission of the Rome Bar Association

See my CV by [clicking here](#)



MAY 31, 2018 - LIFANG DONG

BEST FOREIGN ENTREPRENEUR IN ITALY

INNOVATION CATEGORY



May 31, 2018

Best foreign entrepreneur in Italy for the Innovation category at the Moneygram Awards 2018.

It is the first time, in the Prize's ten years-history, that a lawyer of Chinese origin obtains this recognition.

Recognized as the "bridge" between the East and the West, as well as between the Chinese community and the Italian institutions, aiding the internationalization of Italian and Chinese excellences.

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Who Can Join?

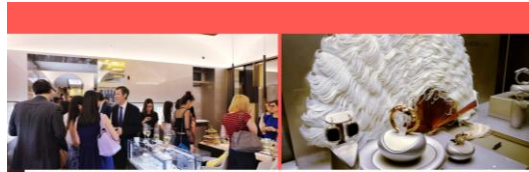
Public and private institutions
Foreign embassies
Associations, foundations, ONG
Universities and research centers
Technological Parks and incubators
Entrepreneurs
Professionals
Individuals

Advantages to be a member

Subscription to our newsletters
Be invited to exclusive events
Networking & Business opportunities



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What we do

- Conferences, seminars, workshops, business & culture forum, exclusive networking events
- White papers, webinars and newsletters on geopolitical, socio-economic, academic, scientific, cultural, fiscal and legal actual issues
- Organizing and support institutional, commercial, cultural and academic delegations in different countries
- Informing on investment, commercial, industrial, academic, artistic and social opportunities and projects in various countries
- Cooperation with Diplomatic authorities, Italian and foreign public and private institutions and associations for promoting cultural and business opportunities



VIP DELEGATIONS - EVENTS - BUSINESS MATCHING & INTERNATIONALIZATION



Institutional, Cultural & Commercial Delegations

Silk Council met China Supreme People's Court

From November 12 until 15, 2019 Silk Council and Dong & Partners welcomed in Italy the institutional delegation of the All-China Federation of Overseas Chinese (led by Zhang Yan, Director of the Department for the protection of the rights of overseas Chinese) and of the China Supreme People's Court (led by Hu Shihao, Director of the Department for judicial reforms). On November 12 and 13, 2019 the chinese delegation met in Milan the President of the Milan Court of Appeal (Ms. Marina Tavassi), the President of the Milan Bar Association (Avv. Vinicio Nardo), the President of the European Court of Arbitration (Avv. Mauro Rubino Sammartano), as well as the representatives of 16 Chinese community associations of Milan and the General Chinese Consulate in Milan, vice general counsel Ms. Wang Huijuan.

On November 14, 2019 the chinese delegation met in Rome the President of the Italian National Bar Council (Avv. Andrea Mascherin), the President of the Rome Bar Association (Avv. Antonino Galletti), the Coordinator of the Forensic Mediation Body (Avv. Maria Agnino), as well as various representatives of Chinese community associations of Rome and Chinese Embassy in Rome, chancelor attaché Ms. Wu Dongmei. Mr. Hu also gave his personal wishes to all young lawyers during the swearing-in ceremony in the Council Hall of Rome Bar Association at the Italian Supreme's Court.

Dialogues have also been launched for future cooperation with the Rome Bar Association and its forensic mediation body and with the Milan Bar Association and its forensic mediation body and Chamber of Arbitration.



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Ningbo Institutional and commercial delegation Dec. 16, 2019 Rome

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On Dec. 12, 2019 Silk Council welcomed in Rome an institutional and commercial delegation of the city of Ningbo, led by Lin Huichuan, Division Chief of the Ningbo Municipal Commission of Commerce. Other members of the delegation were: Yan Wencheng, Division Chief of Portoffice of Ningbo Municipal People's Government, Bao Weiwei, Vice Division Chief of the Ningbo Municipal Commission of Commerce, Li Jian, Vice Director of the General Services Bureau of Sino-Italy Ningbo Ecological Park Administrative Committee, Cao Ye, Vice Director of Ningbo (jiangbei) Hi-tech industrial Park Administrative Committee.

The delegation had the opportunity to meet Counselor Elena Lorenzini, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Minister Stefano Patuanelli of the Italian Ministry for Economic Development to discuss the strengthening of economic and industrial cooperation between Italy and China.

The delegation also met some directors & managers of the Italian Trade Agency: Ines Aronadio, Director of Made in Italy Export Promotion Department, Maurizio Forte, Director of Marketing Department, Filippo Lanciotti, Director of International Network and Roberto Lovato, Manager of Industrial Cooperation and International Organizations Office.

During its visit to Rome, the delegation visited the Tecnopolo Tiburtino (first technological pole of the city of Rome) and Spazio Attivo Roma Tecnopolo (certified incubator for the creation and development of new high-tech startups).

Ningbo Institutional
and commercial
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16.12.2019 Rome
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International relations

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- Italy*
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- United Kingdom*
- Spain*
- Australia*
- United Arab Emirates*
- Morocco*
- Egypt*
- Ukraine*
- Ecuador*
- Cuba*



Li Fang Dong avvocato



Media Campaigns & Institutional Relations

Love China & Love Italia international media awareness and solidarity campaign against Covid- 19

Since January 2020, Silk Council has been active with international solidarity and awareness campaigns, receiving official recognition from Chinese and Italian institutions and support from the main media in Italy, China and internationally.

The Association is also sensitive to the diplomatic and economic repercussions of this outbreak on a global level, to bilateral relations between China and Europe, in particular between China and Italy, promoting events and proposals to be sent to Italian and Chinese institutions for recovery of bilateral relations and multilateral cooperation.

To know more please visit our website

<https://www.silkcouncil.org/love-china-italy-campaigns>



Round Table #Coronavirus: Doubts, certainties and Fake News

Camera dei Deputati, Feb. 24, 2020 Rome

Organized by the Cultural Association Onlus Giuseppe Dossetti with the active collaboration of Silk Council Association and Dong & Partners International Law Firm.

Among the distinguished guest speakers of the conference: Ms. Zheng Xuan Minister Councilor, Delegate of the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China in Italy, H.E. Li Junhua, Dr. Antonio De Santis, Delegate of the Lady Mayor of Rome Capital Virginia Raggi, Councilor for Personnel, Registry and Marital Status, Demographic and Electoral Services, Sen. Dr. Paola Binetti, 12th Senate Hygiene and Health Commission, Dr. Paolo Russo, President of the Committee for Legislation 5th Budget, Treasury and Planning Commission, Dr. Massimiliano Boggetti, Confindustria Medical Devices, Dr. Antonio Magi, President of the Provincial Doctors-Surgeons and Dentists Association of Rome, Mario Rusconi, National Association of School Principals of Lazio, Avv. Lifang Dong, President of Silk Council Association and founder of Dong & Partners International Law Firm, Dr. Guo Chunbiao, President of the Italian Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine.



To know more please visit <https://www.silkcouncil.org/post/round-table-coronavirus-doubts-certainties-and-fake-news>

Silk Council participates in the "Motumundi" Festival on Climate and Environment in Tuscany

From 15 to 18 October 2020, the Festival on climate and environment, "Motumundi", promoted by the Cultural Association Cinzia Vitale Onlus, took place in Cavriglia, in the province of Arezzo (Tuscany). This initiative aims to raise awareness among society, businesses and institutions towards greater environmental protection and eco-sustainable development, through debates, conferences and workshops in which representatives of the international community and students dialogue.

The President of Silk Council Association, Avv. Lifang Dong, participated as a speaker at the round table entitled "The green soul of Tuscany seen from abroad", held on October 17, 2020 at 9 pm at the Theater of Cavriglia. In her speech, Avv. Dong presented China's point of view on environmental policies and investments for sustainable development, also referring to geopolitical aspects. She also underlined the importance of Tuscany for the richness of its artistic-cultural heritage and its natural beauties, one of the centers of attraction for Chinese tourism in Italy.

To know more please visit: <https://www.silkcouncil.org/post/silk-council-participates-in-the-motumundi-festival-on-climate-and-environment-in-tuscany>



Silk Council promotes Grei250: Reflection group on Regularization and Inclusion of Immigrants

The Reflection Group on Regularization and Inclusion (Grei250) was formed on the initiative of Ugo Melchionda, Italian OECD correspondent for the International Migration Outlook, and brings together 250 representatives of the academic, professional, entrepreneurial world, researchers, journalists, experts from labor and immigration law and Third Sector associations. The Group discuss the issue of regularization of migrants and emersion of irregular workers, included in the law Decree approved by the Italian government last May 13, 2020. The group has developed a Position Paper with several proposals to Italian Parliament. Silk Council is among the promoters and signatories of the proposal.

To know more please visit

<https://www.silkcouncil.org/post/silk-council-promotes-grei250-reflection-group-on-regularization-and-inclusion-of-immigrants>



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Programma

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IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY ON DEVELOPING NATIONS

Proceeds to benefit Jay Nepal Foundation

Academy & Training

Lectures on China-Italy Year of Culture and Tourism 2020 and Post-covid Italy-China tourism

On February 11 and July 13, 2020 at the Manuela Mezzelani Center in Rome, Avv. Lifang Dong held a lecture on "Post-covid Italy-China tourism" in the course "Expert of touristic and cultural events organization", authorized and financed by Lazio Region and the European Social fund with decision R.U. G 12190 of September 16, 2019. The lecture gave an outlook on the economic repercussions of Covid-19 on the touristic and cultural sector, and on the measures taken by Italy and China to face the situation. During the lecture Avv. Lifang Dong also gave some tips for business internationalization and to approach the chinese market.

To know more please visit

<https://www.silkcouncil.org/post/february-11-2020-lecture-for-china-italy-year-of-culture-and-tourism-2020>

And <https://www.silkcouncil.org/post/july-13-2020-lecture-on-post-covid-italy-china-tourism>



Lectures at the Italian Trade Agency's Digital Temporary Export Manager Courses

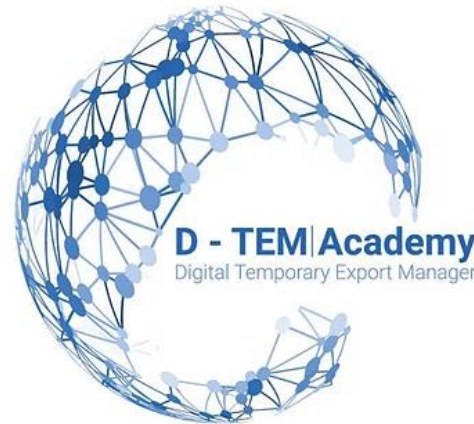
Avv. Lifang Dong and Avv. Chiara Civitelli, respectively President and General Secretary of the Silk Council Association, participated as lecturers in the course "D-TEM Academy - Digital Temporary Export Manager" organized by the Italian Trade Agency at Salerno, Florence and Verona.

The course is addressed to professionals with the aim of improving specific managerial knowledge, with particular reference to digital marketing and digital strategy.

The lectures of Avv. Dong and Avv. Civitelli concerned "Cybersecurity: policy, law and compliance".

To know more please visit

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Partnerships



The Ningbo Sino-Italy Ecological Park was created in 2014 in accordance with the Italian Government and the Chinese Government. It is the only ecological park of Zhejiang Province and one of the only 8 parks for international cooperation in China. The park is strategically located in the Yangtze River Delta in Zhejiang Province. It also hosts an incubator and research and development center in collaboration with Tsinghua University.

Sectors of cooperation: Automotive, Aerospace, Environment-Green Economy and Life Sciences.



The partnership has the aim of creating and improving synergies between Chinese investors and European businesses for the development of international projects.



International Arbitration Center of wenzhounese entrepreneurs signed a strategic cooperation agreement with Silk Council to open a representative office in Rome, Italy.



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UCFA main purpose is to strengthen economic and socio-cultural relations between Ukraine and China and to promote the development of relations between the enterprises of Ukraine and China in the fields of IT technologies, energy, coal production, construction and cultural exchange.

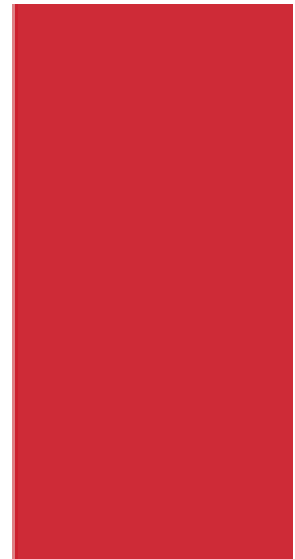
New opportunities for China – Europe Relations

- On Dec. 30, 2020, Chinese President Xi Jinping and European leaders announced the conclusion of the negotiations, which began in 2013, for the **China - EU investment treaty**. The Treaty implies the opening of the Chinese market to European companies, especially in the manufacturing, construction, advertising, air transport, maritime services, telecommunications, healthcare and cloud computing sectors.
- On March 1, 2021, the **bilateral agreement between China and the European Union on geographical indications** took effect. It provides for the mutual recognition of a double list of 100 European and Chinese geographical indications of agri-food products. The Agreement, signed on September 14, 2020 after 22 rounds of negotiations started in 2011. Among the Chinese geographical indications included: Pixian Dou Ban (Pixian bean paste), Anji Bai Cha (Anji white tea), Panjin Da Mi (Panjin rice) and Anqiu Da Jiang (Anqiu ginger). On the other hand the European geographical indications include: Queso Manchego, Champagne, Cava, Polska Wódka, Feta, Münchener Bier, Irish whiskey, Porto and Ouzo and 26 geographical indications of Italian products.
- On Feb. 9, 2021, the **China CEEC (Central and Eastern Europe Countries) Summit** was held via videoconference, with the participation, for the first time, of President Xi Jinping. China confirmed its willingness to supply the anticovid vaccine, which Hungary and Serbia have already agreed to provide in their territories. China undertook for the next five years to purchase products worth 170 billion dollars and to increase trade in the agricultural sector. Another important area of cooperation in the CEEC area is infrastructure. The next cooperation projects are aimed at completing the trade route that connects the Malacca Strait in Southeast Asia and Poland, passing through the port of Piraeus.
- **In 2020 China became the first trading partner of the European Union** with an increase in imports from China of 5.6%, for a total of 383.5 billion euros and an increase in European exports of 2.2% (202,5 billion euro), according to Eurostat data.



New opportunities for China – Italy Relations

- The 2020 is the **50th anniversary of the Diplomatic Relations** between the two countries and already 16 years since the signing of the strategic partnership. Moreover, during President Xi Jinping's visit to Italy between 21-23 March 2019, Italy and China signed a **Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation in the context of the New Silk Road Project**.
- On December 29, 2020, the 10th Session of the Italy-China Intergovernmental Committee ended, held online and co-chaired by the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Luigi Di Maio, and by the Councilor of State and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, Wang Yi. The following **strategic sectors of Sino-Italian cooperation** have been identified: energy, petrochemical, steel and infrastructure, with projects that will develop on the Chinese market, but also in third countries with the collaboration of Chinese and Italian companies. During the meeting, Italy's participation as guest of honor at the "**International Winter Sports Expo 2021**" was also announced.
- The G20 Summit in Riyadh was held online on 21 and 22 Nov. 2020, during which the handover between the Saudi Presidency and the Italian Presidency of the next Summit of 30 and 31 October 2021 took place. The program of the **Italian G20 presidency** will focus on three pillars: People, Planet and Prosperity. On Feb. 2, 2021, the Chinese ambassador to Italy, Li Junhua interviewed by the Xinhua news agency declared that China supports the Italian presidency of the G20
- Another important element of the Sino-Italian cooperation is the strengthening of **Italian export** to the Chinese market, which already exceeded 12 billion euro in December 2020, with a +35% year on year in November (ISTAT data) despite the difficulties related to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Italy is the 3rd country in Europe after the United Kingdom and Germany for **Chinese outbound investments** and the 4th European exporter to China after Germany, the United Kingdom and France. China is the 3rd exporter to Italy, after France and Germany. The main sectors for **china export** are textiles and electronics.
- The **tourism sector** was one of the hardest hit by the Covid-19 pandemic. Italy was the second most visited European country by the Chinese after France in 2018. Chinese tourist flows in Italy decreased due to the contagion restriction measures. Italy and China have 110 sites protected by Unesco, 55 each.



Examples of successful sino-italian cooperation (1)

In 2016 the Italian company Danieli and Azerbaijan Baku Steel Company signed a contract for the construction of a turnkey metallurgical complex worth over \$ 1.3 billion.

Due to the non-financing of the works, the contract was taken over by China CAMC Engineering Co. In March 2019, among the commercial agreements signed, we find a 400 million euro contract between Danieli & C. Officine Meccaniche S.p.A. and China CAMC Engineering Co for the supply of machinery and technological equipment to be installed in the integrated steel plant which will be built by the Chinese group in Azerbaijan.

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Examples of successful sino-italian cooperation (2)

In 2014, Shanghai Electric Corporation took over 40% of Ansaldo Energia Spa from the Italian Strategic Fund for 400 million euros. In 2018 at the China International Import Expo, Shanghai Electric Gas Turbine and Ansaldo Energia sign a contract of approximately 60 million euros for the supply of the first class H gas turbine destined for the Minhang plant in China. In March 2019 other commercial agreements were signed on Technological collaboration and supply of the Gas Turbine.

After the M&A operation, the Group has received over 50 orders of turbines worldwide including Serbia, Pakistan and Russia for a value exceeding half a billion euros. This operation is a successful example of matching the quality of Italian production and the Chinese commercial strength.



Examples of successful sino-italian cooperation (3)

Sino-Italian investment project of 1 billion euro to develop an electric car innovation hub in the Italian Motor Valley sited in Emilia Romagna Region, through the creation of a Joint Venture between FAW Group Corporation (FAW), one of the oldest and largest Chinese automobile manufacturers and the start-up specialized in automotive engineering and design Silk EV.

Design and development will be in Emilia-Romagna, while large-scale production will be both in Emilia-Romagna and Changchun in China.

In Emilia Romagna region are headquartered brands known all over the world: Automobili Lamborghini, Dallara, Ducati, Ferrari, Haas, Magneti Marelli, Maserati, Pagani and Toro Rosso.



Examples of successful sino-italian cooperation (4)

Regarding the role of Italian ports, there are also great potentials and opportunities in the New Silk Road. The Italian ports are in a strategic position in the heart of the Mediterranean and enjoy an excellent network of connections. Some investments have already been made.

For example, in 2016 Cosco shipping ports and Qingdao international development (Hong Kong) become shareholders with 40% and 9.9% of Vado Gateway, the Container Terminals of Vado Ligure controlled by Apm Terminals (Dutch company part of the Danish group Ap Moller -Maersk).

In 2018 the president of the port system authority of the northern Adriatic sea (Pino Musolino) signed a MOU with the CEO of the Piraeus Port Authority, Fu Chengqiu, to enhance the traffic flows between the two ports.

Also in 2018 in Ravenna China Merchant Group invested 10 million for a ship and plant design center for the oil & gas sector and interior design of cruise ships.

In March 2019, the ports of Genoa and Trieste signed commercial agreements with the China Communication Construction Company.

The ports of the Center - South of Italy (i.e. Bari, Napoli, Catania) could also play an important role as the gateway to Europe for cargo ships arriving in the Mediterranean from the Suez Canal. In this area there exist also Special Economic Zones with tax benefits and incentives.



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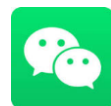
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