



Program (draft)

Thursday, January 15, 2026

09.00- 09.30 *Registration*

09.30-10.00 ***Institutional greetings***

Flaminia Nicora (Vice Rector of International Relations, University of Bergamo)

Tommaso Pellin (PI of the PRIN PNRR ECCO-Italy, University of Bologna)

Jiang Zhonghua (President of the Association for the Promotion of the Chinese Community in Italy; President of the Jinan University Alumni Association in Italy; Principal of the Zhonghua Chinese Language School of Rome)

10.00-11.00 *Keynote speaker Li Wei* (University College London)

Chinese heritage language education in the age of AI

11.00-11.15 *Coffee Break*

11.15-13.15 ***Public engagement event / The Chinese Community in Bergamo: Educational Landscapes***

Chair: **Federica Burini** (Delegate of the Rector for Public Engagement, University of Bergamo)

Alessandra Ghisalberti (Coordinator of the PhD Program in Landscape Studies for Global and Local Challenges and President of the Master's Course in Geo-urban planning, University of Bergamo)

Patrizia Anesa and Lucia Avallone (President and Vice-President of the Master's course in Modern Languages for International cooperation and communication, LMCCI, University of Bergamo)

Cristian Pallone (Associate Professor of Japanese Language and Literature and coordinator of TNE - LEGO exchange programme for the Far East, University of Bergamo)

Gloria Farissé (Principal of Liceo Linguistico G. Falcone, Bergamo)

Marzia Marchesi (Councillor for Early Childhood, Educational and School Services, City of Bergamo)

14.30-15.30 ***Session 1 "Politics and Global Issues"***

Chair: **Martina Caschera** (University of Bergamo)

Stefania Stafitti (University of Turin) Title TBC

Federica Burini, Alessandra Ghisalberti (University of Bergamo) Title TBC

Daniele Brigadói Cologna (University of Insubria) Title TBC



Margherita Di Salvo (University of Naples Federico II) e **Francesca Moro** (L'Orientale University of Naples) Title TBC

Valeria Varriano (Confucius Institute of L'Orientale University of Naples) Title TBC

15.30-17.00 **Parallel Session 2A "Educational Practices"**

Chair: **Tommaso Pellin** (University of Bologna)

Andrea Scibetta and Davide Francolino (University for Foreigners of Siena), *"Between Roots and Routes: Pedagogical Practices in Zhejiang's Huaqiao Xuexiao."*

He Qian (University of Bologna), *"Digital Platforms and Teaching Creativity in Chinese Complementary Schools Post-Pandemic."*

Yu Jinjin (Zhonghua Chinese School, Rome), *"Affective Recontextualization of PRC Curricula in a Chinese Heritage School in Italy."*

Yvonne Tse Crepaldi (Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University) and **Sara Ganassin** (Newcastle University), *"An Italian Chinese International School at a Glocal Crossroads: A Scoping Study of Practices, Challenges, and Future Directions."*

15.30-17.00 **Parallel Session 2B "Narrazioni"**

Chair: **Marta Pantalone** (University of Bergamo)

Giuseppe Rizzuto (University of Florence) *Racialization and the Making of Chineseness among Sino-descendant Youth in Italy.*

Andrea Del Bono (University of Bergamo), *New Mapping for Italy's Chinese Heritage Schools.*

Jacopo de Cinti (Zhonghua Chinese School of Rome), Title TBC

Eduardo Accorroni (University of Macerata), *"Narrating China in Italy: State Rhetorics and Diasporic Narratives in the Teaching of Chinese Culture."*

17.00-17.15 *Coffee Break*

17.15-18.30 **Session 3 "HLE abroad"**

Chair: **Andrea Del Bono** (University of Bergamo)

Jie Liu (University of Minho), *"Chinese Heritage Language Education in Multicultural Europe: Balancing Cultural Preservation and Integration – A Pedagogical Perspective."*

Szandra Ésik (Eötvös Loránd University), *"Mother Tongue Among Chinese Immigrants in Hungary: A Mixed-Methods Study."*

Jaruwan Teamahasatid (SOAS University), *"Nationalism and Ideological Control in Sino-Thai Education Policy, 1938–1978."* (online presentation)

Florence Lévy (Collège de France), *"Chinese parents and children's perspectives in France and Switzerland."*



Friday, January 16, 2026

09.00-09.30 *Registration*

09.30-10.30 *Keynote speaker Chen Yong* (Wenzhou University)

Migration and Return: A Hundred-Year Migration History of two Villages in the Wenzhou Region

10.30-10.45 *Coffee Break*

10.45-11.45 **Roundtable 2 Compulsory schooling: "connections" and "bridges"**

Chair: **Alessandra Ghisalberti** (University of Bergamo)

Martina Caschera (University of Bergamo) Title TBC

Ivana Bolognesi (University of Bologna) Title TBC

Sabrina Ardizzoni (University for Foreigners of Siena) Title TBC

Monica Tardiani (IC12 Verona e TanteTinte) Title TBC

Giulia Urciuoli (Convitto Nazionale Vittorio Emanuele II of Rome) e **Silvia Dolci** (Liceo Giovanni Falcone of Bergamo) Title TBC

11.45-13.00 **Roundtable 3 "Chinese Heritage Schools Principals"**

Chair: **Yedi Yu** (University of Bologna), and **Weiying Sun** (University of Bergamo)

Wang Chen (Yanhua School, Sesto Fiorentino)

Ding Lu (Boyue School, Bologna)

Chen Shuo (Qiusuo School, Verona)

Jiang Zhonghua (Zhonghua School, Rome)

13.00-14.00 *Buffet lunch*

14.15-15.30 **Session 4 "Schools and Families in Italy"**

Chair: **Andrea Scibetta** (University for Foreigners of Siena)

Zhang Xiangxiao (Shuren International, Carpi) "An Analysis from the Perspective of Parental Care and the Lack of Educational Knowledge in the Modena Area."

Cristina Li (University of Bologna) "Chinese Heritage Language Maintenance in Italy: The Role of Attitudes in Family and School Contexts."

Francesca Lupia (European University Institute) "Educational Experiences of Chinese Italian High School Graduates During the COVID-19 Pandemic: An Ethnographic Study in a High School in Florence."

Li Qing (Tonghua School, Trieste), Title TBC

15.30-15.45 *Coffee Break*



15.45-17.30 **Session 5 "Schools and Families Abroad"**

Chair: **Valentina Pedone** (University of Firenze)

Zhu Shuting (NEOMA Confucius Institute for Business), *"I Don't Like Mandarin, But I Have to Learn Mandarin": Mandarin Learning Trajectories of Wenzhounese Adult Learners in Paris.*

Jia Lin (University of Salamanca) e Chiara Uliana (University of Granada), *"Foreign Here and There": Between Obligation and Belonging among Second-Generation Chinese Youth in Spain."*

Eva Salerno (Catholic University of Paris), *"Learning Chinese in European Catholic parishes: reconnecting with family heritage."*

Li Zhen (The Education University of Hong Kong), *"Homegrown Cosmopolitans: The Making of Chinese Heritage Identity in Hong Kong International Schools."*

Saturday, January 17, 2026

09.30-10.30 Keynote speaker **Wang Simeng** (French National Center for Scientific Research)

A Multi-Scalar Approach on the Identity-building among Descendants of Chinese Migrants living in Europe

10.30-10.45 Coffee Break

10.45-12.45 **Session 6 "Identity"**

Chair: **Martina Caschera** (University of Bergamo)

Yang Ni (Tianjin Nankai University) and **Letizia Vallini** (University of Córdoba), *(Re)constructing Linguistic Identity: A Comparison of New Chinese and Italian Generations* (online presentation)

Qiao Yan (University of Sassari), *Language, Family, and Identity: Educational Dynamics in Chinese Families in Sassari*

Valentina Pedone (University of Firenze) e **Zhong Zou** (Waseda University), *Language, Identity, and Belonging: Life Histories of Second-Generation Chinese in Italy*

Giovanni Giamello (Aalborg University), *On Not Speaking Chinese in Verona*

12.45-13.00 *Conclusive remarks and greetings*



Practical Information

1. Conference Venue and How to Get There

Via Salvecchio 19 hosts the Rectorate and several classrooms of the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures of the University. Thanks to its location in the heart of the historic centre, it is conveniently within walking distance of the main points of interest in *Città Alta* (Upper city) – the main square, monuments, libraries, restaurants, city walls.

From the airport (Milan-Bergamo Airport - Orio al Serio) Take bus line 1 (Airport Bus) to the city centre / *Porta Nuova*. From there, continue toward *Città Alta* with the same bus to the terminus "Colle Aperto", or walk to *Viale Vittorio Emanuele* and take the funicular up.

From Bergamo railway station Take bus line 1 toward *Città Alta* – stop "Colle Aperto" (last stop). Frequency: approx. every 15 minutes. Alternatively, walk to *Viale Vittorio Emanuele* and take the funicular to *Città Alta*, then walk to *Via Salvecchio*.

By car / Taxi Exit the A4 motorway at "Bergamo" and follow signs for *Città Alta* via *Viale Papa Giovanni XXIII* → *Viale Vittorio Emanuele* → *Viale delle Mura* / *Piazzale S. Agostino*.

Note: *Città Alta* is a Limited Traffic Zone (ZTL). We recommend parking in a car park in the lower town and then taking the funicular or walking up.

2. Accommodation Suggestions

Below is a list of accommodation options. These establishments share several features that make them particularly suitable for visitors to Bergamo, both for short stays and longer visits. They are welcoming, guest-oriented lodgings, many of them organised as B&Bs or small inns, offering a homely atmosphere and direct contact with the staff. All are in strategic areas of the city—from the modern centre to *Città Alta*—allowing easy access to monuments, museums, shops, and major transport links. Although they differ in style and size, all aim for simple yet attentive hospitality, essential services, good communication, and a particular care for guest comfort and tranquillity.

- Central Hostel BG, Via Antonio Ghislanzoni 30. Tel: +39 035 211359 • Email: staff@centralhostelbg.com
- Stop & Sleep Bergamo, Via Giorgio e Guido Paglia 19. Tel: +39 351 8155595 • Email: stopsleepbergamo@gmail.com
- B&B Entro Le Mura, Via San Lorenzo. Tel: 338 5071629 / 035 233189 • Email: entrolemura@tiscali.it
- Botton d'Oro Pelabrocco, Vicoletto Pelabrocco 3. Tel: +39 349 780 6584
- B&B Gallery Bergamo, Via San Tomaso. Tel: 035 529 7964
- Locanda Cece e Simo, Via 4 Novembre 65/67. Tel: 035 400008 • Email: info@cecesimo.com
- Hotel Il Sole, Via Colleoni 1. Tel: +39 035 218238 • Email: info@ilsolebergamo.com



3. Where to Eat

Città Alta (Upper city)

- **Il Circolino Città Alta** – Vicolo Sant'Agata 19, 24129 Bergamo. A much-loved historic venue offering traditional Bergamasque cuisine (also pizzeria / bar / café) with a welcoming atmosphere. Perfect for lunch, dinner, or a relaxing break after the sessions.
- **Da Mimmo** – Via Bartolomeo Colleoni 17, 24129 Bergamo. A long-established restaurant in *Città Alta*, serving simple, traditional dishes with local / short-supply-chain ingredients, plus pizza and well-made “home-style” foods.
- **Trattoria del Teatro** – Piazza Lorenzo Mascheroni 3/A. An authentic and traditional trattoria, pleasantly “off the tourist track” compared to the more well-known restaurants—ideal for those seeking a simple setting and good Bergamasque cuisine.

Città Bassa

- **Borgo Santa Caterina** – a neighbourhood known for its authentic atmosphere, small shops, osterie, restaurants, and lively evenings. Ideal for an informal dinner, an aperitivo, or pizza in a “local neighbourhood” setting.
- **Borgo San Leonardo / Piazza Pontida** – once a commercial crossroads, now a hub of restaurants and convivial venues; convenient for dinner or an aperitivo after work or meetings.
- **The streets around Via XX Settembre and adjacent areas** – for those looking for something convenient near shops or for quick lunch breaks: here you'll find cafés, take-aways, and all kinds of eateries, useful also for travellers arriving by train or moving frequently.
- **Areas around Viale Papa Giovanni XXIII** – thanks to their proximity to the station and transport links, this area is practical for visitors with limited time, offering easy options for a meal or coffee before heading elsewhere.

4. Visit Bergamo

Highlights in Città Alta

Piazza Vecchia; Torre Civica; Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore; Cappella Colleoni; Duomo di Bergamo (Sant'Alessandro); Museo e Casa Natale di Gaetano Donizetti; Rocca di Bergamo & Parco delle Mura; Cittadella Viscontea; Mura Veneziane; Porta San Giacomo.

Highlights in Città Bassa

Accademia Carrara; GAMeC Museum – temporary exhibitions and contemporary collections; *Sentierone* and Piazza Matteotti – heart of *Città Bassa*; Teatro Donizetti – a recently restored 19th-century theatre, home to the Donizetti Opera festival.