

## **Stefano Beltrame**

*Italian Consul General in Shanghai*

Born in Verona, Italy, Stefano is the Consul General in Shanghai. Prior, he served as Diplomatic Advisor to the President of the Venetian Region. During 2006 and 2010, he was stationed at the Embassy in Washington, as Head of the Economic and Scientific Section. From 2001 to 2003, he worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome as DG for Middle East and North Africa Relations.

## **Massimo Egidi**

*Rector LUISS University*

Massimo Egidi was born in Gassino Torinese (Turin), Italy on December 1, 1942.

Formerly Rector of the University of Trento, he is currently Adjunct Professor of *Behavioral Economics and Psychology* at LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome, where he has been serving as Rector since October 2006.

He served as President of FBK - the *Bruno Kessler Foundation* in Trento, Italy from December 2010 to December 2014.

His main research interests are related to the study of bounded rational behaviour in organizations and institutions. Most of his papers released in the last decade concern biases in decision-making and problem-solving.

In the framework of his academic activity, he has been invited speaker within a number of national and international conferences on issues related to university governance, relations between research and industry as well as on the European policies for technology transfer and innovation.

## **Alastair Crooke**

*British diplomat and former British intelligence*

Alastair Crooke is a British diplomat as well as the founder and director of the Conflicts Forum, an organisation that advocates for engagement between political Islam and the West. Previously he was a ranking figure in both British intelligence (MI6) and European Union diplomacy.

Crooke was a Middle East advisor to Javier Solana, High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union (CFSP) from 1997 to 2003. He facilitated a number of de-escalations of violence and military withdrawals in the Palestinian Territories with Islamist movements from 2000 to 2003 and was involved in the diplomatic efforts in the Siege of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. He was a member of the Mitchell Committee on the causes of the Second Intifada in 2000. He held

clandestine meetings with Hamas leadership in June 2002. He is an active advocate of engagement with Hamas to whom he referred as Resistants or Resistance Fighters.

## **Fang Wang**

*Senior Editor for FTChinese*

Fang Wang is Senior Editor and Head of Video Content of FTChinese.com, the Chinese website published by the UK's Financial Times (FT). Based in Beijing, she reports to the editor in chief. Fang joined the FT in May 2003 in New York City as assistant online editor for FT.com. She was transferred to Hong Kong shortly afterwards to join the FT's newly established Asia Pacific news centre, where she worked for four years as online editor. In July 2007 she was transferred to the FT's London head office and worked on the Interactive Desk as multimedia producer for two years. She moved back to China and joined FTChinese.com in April 2009 with dual responsibilities as duty editor, overseeing story commissioning and editing, and as video producer. She was promoted to the current position in August 2014. Fang studied at the graduate school of New York University between 2001 and 2003 and received an MA in Business and Economic Reporting. She graduated from Fudan University in Shanghai with a BA in Journalism in 1999. From 1999 to 2001 she was a business reporter with Shanghai Daily covering China's telecoms industry.

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**Lianwen Shan**

*Vice President of the Economics & Technology Research Institute of CNOOC*

Lianwen Shan currently is Vice President of the Economics & Technology Research Institute of CNOOC and Senior Economist with Professorship.

Educational background: BS in Management Engineering from the Petroleum University (Huadong) in 1983. MBA from Peking University, in 2001.

Career experience: teaching and researching at the Petroleum University from 1983-1994. Has also held positions as division chief of Statistics, manager of Strategic Planning, manager of Strategic Research, director of Corporate Strategy Research and vice president of Economics & Technology Research Institute (Energy Economics Research Institute) of CNOOC since October 1994.

## **Michele Geraci**

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Michele Geraci, economist, is the Head of China Economic Research Program at Nottingham University Business School, China, Head of China at the Global Policy Institute, as well as Senior Research Fellow and Adjunct Professor of Finance at Zhejiang University. He has been living in China since 2008 and works as advisor to governments, corporations and investors, offering practical policy recommendations and investment advice. He is a frequent guest speaker at conferences and forums; he attended The Economist's China Summit where he addressed China's growing role in the international arena. He has been frequent guest of TV shows (CNN, CNBC, BBC, China Central Television etc) and is a regular contributor to China Daily op-ed and a columnist for Caixin Magazine.

Michele Geraci is a managing director-level investment banker with vast international experience having worked over the last 20 years in Fund Management, Equity Research, Corporate Finance, Management Consultancy, and as a Telecom engineer.

## **Eugenio Buzzetti**

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Born in Milan, Italy, he has been living in China since 2009 and has extensively covered Chinese politics, economics and energy markets since 2013. A main contributor for Agichina, the leading Italian website on China, operated by Agi, the Italian News Agency. Until the end of 2012, he lived in China and contributed for different Italian newspapers and magazines about China.

## **Enzo Moavero-Milanesi**

*Director LUISS School of Law*

Enzo Moavero Milanesi, a lawyer specialised in antitrust law, is currently judge at the EC Court of First Instance. Until the end of April 2006 he was director general of the Bureau of European Policy Advisors of the European Commission; and from 2002 until 2005, he was deputy secretary general at the European Commission. He has also previously been director of the Antitrust Service (2000-2001), head of cabinet of the member of the European Commission in Charge of Competition (1999-2000) and head of cabinet of the Commissioner in Charge of the Single Market, Financial Services and Taxation (1995-1999). From 1993 until 1995, under the Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri in Rome, he acted as adviser to the Italian Prime Minister for Privatizations and Community Affairs.

Between 1990 and 1992, he was head of cabinet of the vice president of the European Commission in Charge of Telecommunications and Research. Author of several articles on scientific law review and of three books (one on merger regulation, one on European Community law and policies, and one on EU competition law).

### **Xiansheng Sun**

*Former President ETRI/ China National Petroleum Company*

Dr Sun Xiansheng is President of the China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) Economics and Technology Research Institute. Dr. Sun has previously served as the department director of the Information Center of the Oil Ministry; director of CNPC International Cooperation Bureau; vice president of CNODC (under CNPC); president and chairman of CNPC Nile Company; president of PetroDarOperation Ltd.; president of the Greater Nile Petroleum Operating Company; president of Senning UK Ltd.; chairman of Central Asia Petroleum Company; chairman of CNPC Uzbekistan Company; and chairman of CNPC Azerbaijan Company. Dr. Sun has been deeply involved in the negotiation and signing of contracts for a large number of collaborative projects for CNPC at home and abroad. A professor-level senior economist, Dr Sun holds an LLM and PhD from the University of Dundee, United Kingdom.

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*Vice Director of Economic Research Office*

*Petrochina Planning and Engineering Institute, China Petroleum University*

Wei Cong, Associate Professor, Vice Director of the Economics Research Office at CPPEI (Petrochina Planning and Engineering Institute), he holds a doctor's degree in Management from China University of Mining and Technology. He was once a post-doctoral researcher at the Academy of Chinese Energy Strategy. His main research area involves energy economy and its policies, market-oriented reform of energy system, the natural gas economy and its developmental strategies etc. He currently is an editorial board member of ENERGY REVIEWS, the councillor of the Energy Committee of System Engineering Society of China. His published books include China's Path To Low-Carbon Energy Society, The Path Selection of Regulation Policies about Coal Productive Capacity.

**Tian Miao**

*China Energy Analyst*

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Tian Miao has been the Senior Energy Analyst at NSBO since 2011, focusing on policy interpretation and investment analysis for energy and environmental protection sectors. Prior to joining NSBO, Tian Miao was a senior energy and environment consultant in Poyry Group, an international consulting and engineering company. Before that she worked as a bio-energy project manager for Norway-based Energy and Environment Advisory. She is a regularly quoted expert in influential media including Bloomberg, the Wall Street Journal and the South China Morning Post.

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Rita Fatiguso is China correspondent of *Il Sole 24 Ore*, the most circulated Italian financial paper. She has written about China since 2003, just after the country joined the WTO. For *Il Sole 24 Ore Libri* she has published *Il lavoro online* (2002), *Le navi delle false griffe, fatti e misfatti della globalizzazione* (2007) and *Oltre la Muraglia. Reportage sulle aziende italiane che sfidano la Cina* (2009). Her last book, the first to be written in English, is *The Global War on Edible Oil* (2015) published by Giunti.

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Xu is Director of the Economic Research Department China Center for International Economic Exchanges and former Deputy Director of the Information Department of CCIEE. In 2012 he was a visiting scholar at the Institute of Asian Research of the University of British Columbia, Canada. From 2003–2010 he was professor of Finance at Capital University of Economics and Businesses, director of the Center for Securities and Futures Studies, and a visiting scholar at the Business School of Dominican University in 2008. From 2001–2003 Xu served as senior vice president of Beijing Venture Capital Co., Ltd. From 1998–2001 he was general manager of GuangFa Securities Co., Ltd (Shanghai Branch), and from 1996–1998 he was officer of People’s Bank of China. His books include *Globalizing China’s Economy* (2012), *Wages, Exchanges Rate and Surplus* (2011), *Futures and Derivatives* (2011), *Financial Strategies of China* (2010) *Research on the System and Supervision of Chinese Multilayer Market* (2009), and *Investment Banking* (2005, 2002, 1999, 1997).

**Alessandro Pica**

*Chief Executive Officer*

*AGI Italy*

Born in Rome in 1964, Alessandro Pica is Chief Executive Officer of Agi - *Agenzia Giornalistica Italia*. A former journalist, he specializes in foreign affairs and digital information, with a focus on communication in Africa and the Middle East.

The publishing sector has always been the main thread of Mr Pica's career: a former consultant on marketing, innovation and distribution for Italy's national and regional media, he was head of sales for media and market segments at Ansa, where he also developed shareholders relations activities. Mr Pica also managed the startup of a joint venture between Associated Press and e.Biscom, today TMNews, where he was general manager until 2003. Mr Pica was a UNESCO delegate for the reconstruction and reorganization of the Palestinian news agency Wafa in the Gaza Strip, and he managed the re-engineering of press services for the Office of the Prime Minister of Albania.

Prior to entering the publishing and information sector, Mr Pica worked as district manager for General Motors and for General Electric (GE Capital). From March 2011 until his appointment as CEO, Mr Pica was general manager of Agi where, among other projects, he developed the Internationalization plan that led the agency to become Italy's first news agency abroad.

**Andy Meng**

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Andy Meng is an executive director in the China energy and chemical research team. He is the lead analyst covering oil and gas, chemical, service, and equipment companies. Previously, Meng covered shipping and shipbuilding, marine and offshore, toll road, capital goods, and machinery companies in Hong Kong and China and worked in the strategy research team. Before joining Morgan Stanley in 2005, Meng worked as a senior associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers, specializing in risk-management consulting. Andy is a CFA charter holder. He received his BSc from the School of Management, Fudan University and a Master of Economics from the University of Hong Kong.

## **Benedetto Della Vedova**

*Italian Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation*

Benedetto Della Vedova has been Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation since February 2014.

Born in Sondrio in 1962, Benedetto Della Vedova holds a Degree in Economics at “Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi” (Milan, 1988). He has also been Researcher at IEFE Bocconi (Institute for economics of energy sources, 1987-1990) and at IRER (Lombardy’s Research Institute, 1990-1996). Assistant professor for Economics and Agricultural Policies at Università Cattolica (Milan 1990 – 1995).

From July 2005 to May 2006 he was Government-appointed as expert advisor to CNEL (Economy and Labour National Council).

He wrote economic and financial commentary for daily newspaper “Il Sole 24 Ore” from 2001 to 2004. From February 2005 until his election to the Lower House (Chamber of Deputies) was in charge of the “Un Libro, un caso” column for Corriere Economia, the Monday economic supplement of daily newspaper Corriere della Sera. Conducted the radio broadcast “Catallassi” (interviews and conversations on the economy aired on Saturday mornings), the economic supplement of the press review and a radio version of the column “Un libro, un caso” for Radio Radicale.

Benedetto Della Vedova Was national secretary (1994-1997) and treasurer (1994-1996) of the Movimento dei Club Pannella-Riformatori and has been enrolled in the transnational Radical Party since 1992.

From July 1999 to July 2004 , he was a member of the European Parliament, and of the Commission on Industry, Foreign Trade, Research and Energy; member of the Delegation for Relations with the Countries of Southern Asia and the Southern Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

From April 2006 to 2013 Benedetto Della Vedova has been a member of the Chamber of Deputies (Forza Italia Party from 2006 to 2008, People of Freedom Party from May 2008 to July 2010) and then member of the Italian Senate. Since 2013 he is the National Spokesperson of Scelta Civica (party founded by Mario Monti).

## **Ettore Sequi**

*Ambassador of Italy to PRC*

Ettore Francesco Sequi worked until 1989 in the Department for Economic Affairs of the Italian Foreign Ministry, and has been in charge of issues related to international technological cooperation, including ESA (European Space Agency), IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency), ITU (International Telecommunication Union).

From August 1989 to February 1994 he was assigned as Consul to Tehran. From February 1994 to February 1998 he worked as Counsellor in the Italian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York. In charge of issues related to multilateral cooperation and to



the reform of the UN. From February 1998 to July 2000 he has worked as Counsellor in the Foreign Minister's Cabinet as personal assistant to the Minister and successfully completed the Higher Diplomatic Course at the Italian Diplomatic Institute. From July 2000 to 2004 he was deputy chief of mission at the Embassy of Italy - Tirana.

- December 2004: Appointed ambassador to Kabul
- January 2007: Promoted minister plenipotentiary
- September 2008: European Union special representative for Afghanistan
- July 2009: European Union special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan
- January 2011: Appointed head of European Union delegation to Albania

He was awarded the Medal of Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic by the President of the Republic of Italy, the *Encomienda de Numero in the Orden de Isabel la Catolica* by H.R.H. King Juan Carlos of Spain and the Medal of *Ghazi Mir Bacha Khan* by the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan for his contribution to peace and security of Afghanistan.