In the course of the Spring 2014 Closing Ceremony, held on Thursday 29 May, the winner of this year's Maria Weber Scholarship was announced by the VIU Dean, Prof. Agar Brugiavini, the Director of the VIU School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. Luca Pes and Prof. Guglielmo Weber of Padua University.

Since it was established in 2010 this award has been given annually to a student from the Globalization Program, applying during the Spring term for the international mobility , for the best thesis proposal on a theme related to China.

Maria Weber was Professor of International Relations and Comparative Politics at Bocconi University as well as Managing Director of the Italian Institute of Culture in Beijing. Her researches on Asia analyzed the strategies employed by firms in approaching the Chinese market, when China was still an unknown and distant marketplace for Italian entrepreneurs. Her family and friends therefore decided to endow a scholarship in her memory, to honor her life's work and to encourage young students to study the extraordinary, fascinating and sometimes impenetrable country to which she had dedicated her career.

2014 winner:

Giulia De Zotti
University of Padua
*Master's degree*: Electrical Engineering
*Research project title*: "The importance of the energy efficiency in the water industrial sector: comparison between Italy and China."

*International mobility destination*: Tsinghua University, Beijing.




Giulia De Zotti is awarded by VIU Dean, Prof. Agar Brugiavini, and Prof. Guglielmo Weber