CHINA IN THE 17TH CENTURY:
TRAUMA, TRANSITION AND GLOBAL TRANSFORMATIONS

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Keynote Lecture: Prof. Timothy Brook (University of British Columbia)

This will be a hybrid event at the University of Naples L'Orientale and on Microsoft Teams.
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PROGRAM
(Naples Time: Central European Time, UCT+1)

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10.30 – Greetings: Prof. Roberto Tottoli (Rector of Naples L’Orientale),
Prof. Andrea Manzo (Dean of the Department of Asian, African and Mediterranean Studies)

10.45 - Introductory Remarks: Donatella Guida & Federico Brusadelli (Naples L’Orientale)

11 – PANEL 1: ENTANGLED HISTORIES

Chair: Donatella Guida (Naples L’Orientale) Discussant: Federico Brusadelli (Naples L’Orientale)

“Writing World History in Times of Change” – Elke Papelitzky (KU Leuven)

“Comparative Imperialism: Viewing the Ming-Qing Transition from Mexico” – Stuart M. McManus (Chinese University Hong Kong)

“On the eye of the hurricane: Álvaro Semedo, an observer of two dynastic transitions in the Global Crisis of the 17th century” – Isabel Murtta Pina (Centro Macau, Lisbon)

LUNCH BREAK

14 – PANEL 2: THE JESUIT NETWORK

Chair: Isabel Murtta Pina (Centro Macau, Lisbon) Discussant: Luisa M. Paternicò (Naples L’Orientale)

“Craftsmen working for Kangxi: The “Invention of Curious Things” by the Jesuits Gabriel de Magalhães (1609-1677) and Tomás Pereira (1646-1708)” – Maria João Pereira Coutinho (Universidade Nova Lisboa)

“Ludovico Buglio and the Jesuit enculturation project in a time of transition” – Angela Giorgi (University of Perugia)

“The Ming-Qing Transition in the View of Jesuit Missionaries: With a Discussion of the Mandate of Heaven in Martini’s De Bello Tartarico Historia” – Shi Handan (Shanghai Normal University)

“Miseries, Tribulations, and Calamities’: António de Gouveia as an Eye-witness to the Seventeenth Century Eurasian Crisis” – Cristina Costa Gomes & João Teles e Cunha (Universidade de Lisboa)

COFFEE BREAK

17 – PANEL 3: CHINESE AND MANCHURIAN: BORDER IDENTITIES

Chair: Lisa Indraccolo (Tallinn University) Discussant: Julia Schneider (University College Cork)

“Defining Chineseness: Wang Fuji’s Yellow Book” – Julien Jean (Université de Paris)

“A sudden turnaround: the pro-Han immigration policy in Manchuria and its abrupt abrogation in early Qing era” – Agostino Sepe (Università per stranieri di Siena)

“Handling the Wartime Refugees: The Liaodong People under the Manchus, the Choson and the Ming, 1620-1624” – Zoudan Ma (University of British Columbia)

19 – KEYNOTE LECTURE: “Pricing the Collapse of the Ming: Grain Prices in China, 1639-1647”
- Prof. Timothy Brook (UBC)
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9.30 – PANEL 4: CHINA AND KOREA

Chair: Andrea De Benedittis (Naples L'Orientale) Discussant: Marion Eggert (University of Ruhr-Bochum)

“Watching it Decivilize: Korean Views of China in the 17th Century” – Ilsoo Cho (Korea University)

“Intelligence Work and Network of Joseon Korea’s Embassies to Qing China during the Revolt of the Three Feudatories (1674-1681)” – Fedie Zhao (Oxford University)

“Defending the Choson’s Historical Narrative in the Qing Official Mingshi: Relocating the role of Choson Official Interpreters” – Lok-yin Law (Open University Hong Kong)

11.30 – PANEL 5: URBAN LANDSCAPES: COMMERCE, ECONOMY & EDUCATION

Chair: Donatella Guida (Naples L'Orientale) Discussant: Christine Moll-Murata (University of Ruhr-Bochum)

“The Wolves of Jiangnan: Book of Swindles and Commercialised Society in Early 17th Century” – Tin Kei Wong (Adelaide) & Tak Wai Hung (Chinese University Hong Kong)

“Urban Economic History and China’s Seventeenth-century Crisis: A Tale of Two Cities” – Harriet Zurndorfer (Leiden University)

“Village Schools and Charitable Schools in the late Ming” – Johanna Lidén (Stockholm University)

“Power and identity of Han Elites in Qing: A study of household economies by means of confiscation inventory lists” – Yitong Qiu (London School of Economics)

LUNCH BREAK

14.30 – PANEL 6: THE SILVER CENTURY: GLOBAL TRADERS

Chair: Federico Brusadelli (Naples L'Orientale) Discussant: Ubaldo Iaccarino (Academica Sinica)

“Shanxi Merchants in the Ming-Qing Transition” – George Zhijian Qiao (Amherst College)

“Mulberry Trees, Shipwrecks, and Silver: The Silk Market and the Decline of the Ming Dynasty” – Xiaolin Duan (NCSU)

"Balancing the Profit: Law against Usury in the Seventeenth Century” – Weiwei Luo (Grinnell College)

16.30 PANEL 7: MATERIAL CULTURES

Chair: Chiara Visconti (Naples L’Orientale) Discussant: Phillip Grimberg (FAU Erlangen)

“The Imperial and Official Seals (xìyīn 畫印, guānyīn 官印) in the Ming-Qing Transition: Visualizing Material Culture to the Dynastic Cause” – Chia Ning (Central College USA)

“Amiot, Kangxi, and ‘Improvements’ to Instruments for Chinese Rituals” – Stewart Carter (Wake Forest University)

“The Rhetoric of Reclusion in Texts and Images of a 1659 Monochrome Painting of Chrysanthemums” – Alice Bianchi (Université de Paris)

“Phantom Porcelains: Zhangzhou and Yoshida Polychrome Dishes with Seal Design” – Diana Yang (Bard College)
COFFEE BREAK

19.15 – PANEL 8: INDIGNATION IN 17TH-CENTURY CHINESE THOUGHT

Chair: Haun Saussy (University of Chicago) Discussant: Ling Hon Lam (Berkeley)

“The Hidden Knife: Violent Words, Violent Acts” – Alison Bailey (UBC)

“Trauma, Matrimony, and the Body: Shrewish Anger in the Xingshi yinyuan zhuan” – Zhaokun Xin (UBC)

“The Thunder that Awakens: Reinterpreting Juelang Daosheng’s ‘Chan Method of Indignation’” – Corey Lee Bell (Chung-hwa Institute, Taiwan)

“Impersonal Indignation: Jin Shengran’s 金聖敦 (1608–1661) Conception of Genius (cai zi 才子) – Ali Breitwieser Goehr (University of Chicago)

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10.30 – PANEL 9: THE WORLD BEYOND

Chair: Markus Haselbeck (KU Leuven) Discussant: Dawid Rogacz (AMU Poznan)

“Made in Ming, unmade in Qing. The invention and deterioration of Chinese transcription system of foreign words” – Ákos Bertalan Apatóczky (Károli University Budapest)

“From Confrontation to Peaceful Coexistence: Sino-Russian Relations at the end of the 17th century” – Nikolay Samoylov (University of St. Petersburg)

11.30 – PANEL 10: MARITIME CONNECTIONS

Chair: Patrizia Carioti (Naples L’Orientale) Discussant: Elke Papelitzky (KU Leuven)

“Zheng Chenggong’s overseas trade and its characteristics” – Nie Dening (Xiamen University)

“Junk Trade between Japan and Southeast Asia during the Ming-Qing Transition Period in the Mid-seventeenth Century” – Shimada Ryūto (University of Tokyo)

“Perception of the Eastern Sea Route and the Countries on It by a Fujian Official at the End of the Ming Dynasty” – Ilya Kolnin (RAS Moscow)

LUNCH BREAK
15.30 - PANEL 11: MING LOYALISTS: DIPLOMACY, TRADE AND MEMORY

Chair: Federico Brusadelli (Naples L’Orientale) Discussant: George Bryan Souza (University of Texas S. Antonio)

“The Political Activism of Ming Loyalists in Tokugawa Japan and the Bakufu Response” – Patrizia Carioti (Naples L’Orientale)

“1650: A Year of no Significance? The Case of a Letter by the Dowager Empress Xiaozheng of the Southern Ming to Pope Innocent X” – Phillip Grimberg (FAU Erlangen)

“Contemplating Scents and Apprehending World: Odours, Trauma, and Cultural Memory in Late-Ming Loyalists’ Writings” – Haoyue Li (University of British Columbia)

“The Significance of Loyalty in Guangdong during the Ming-Qing Transition” – Jasmin Wai Tan Law (KU Leuven)

COFFEE BREAK

18.30 – PANEL 12: NEGOTIATING VALUES, REINVENTING TRADITIONS. Intellectual Dialogues with the Past and the Foreign in Seventeenth-Century China

Chair: P. K. Bol (Harvard University) Discussant: Wen Yu (Boston College)

"Adaptational Fictionality: Metafiction in Seventeenth-Century China" – Kangni Huang (Harvard University)


“Southerners’ Proposal for Statist Reform: Huang Min jingshi wenbian and its Significance” – Seongun Park (Harvard University)

Concluding Remarks