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6–7 October 2025

Palazzo Corigliano

Piazza S.Domenico Maggiore, Naples

6 October

10:00 Opening remarks

10:15–11:30 Keynote speech

- Mélodie Doumy (International Dunhuang Project, The British Library) – *The International Dunhuang Programme in Global Manuscript Studies: Preserving and Opening the Literary Legacy of the Silk Roads*

11:30–13:00 Session 1: Relationship between Text and Manuscript Format

- Francesco Firth (Sapienza University of Rome) – *Negotiating with boundaries: The role of the two-dimensionality of written surfaces in Furigana usage within Edo and Meiji period literary documents*
- Zixuan Wang (Ghent University) – *Textual Role of Pini Xin (毗尼心) in Mogao Cave 196 at Dunhuang: Contextualizing Vinaya Texts in Ritual Space*

15:00–17:30 Session 2: Digital Humanities

- Elham Ghasemi (DREST University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) – *Tracing Intertextuality in Uyūn al-majālis (11th c.): A Digital Humanities Approach to Islamic Preaching Literature*
- Mikiyas Tewodros Tefera (University of Naples L'Orientale) – *Leverages LLM, OCR, and manual correction mechanisms for the study of Geez manuscripts*
- Laszlo Zala (Eötvös Loránd ELTE University) – *Substring Tiler: a digital tool for identifying and analyzing text reuse and divergences between Classical Chinese manuscripts*

7 October

09:15–10:30 Keynote speech

- Gianfrancesco Lusini (University of Naples L'Orientale) and Gioia Bottari (University of Naples L'Orientale) – *Between Religious Ecumenism and Scientific Research: Five Hundred Years of Studies on Ethiopic Manuscripts*

10:30–12:00 Session 3: Cataloguing and Description of Manuscripts/Codicology and Palaeography/Philology

- Sinta Ridwan (University of Indonesia) – *From Stone to Dluwang: Paleographic Evolution from Sumatran Inscriptions to the Tanjung Tanah Manuscript (7th to 14th Century CE)*
- Shimels Ayele Yalew (University of Antwerp, Bahir Dar University) – *Manuscripts about manuscripts: A traditional Ethiopian inventory practice*

12:00 Closing Remarks

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