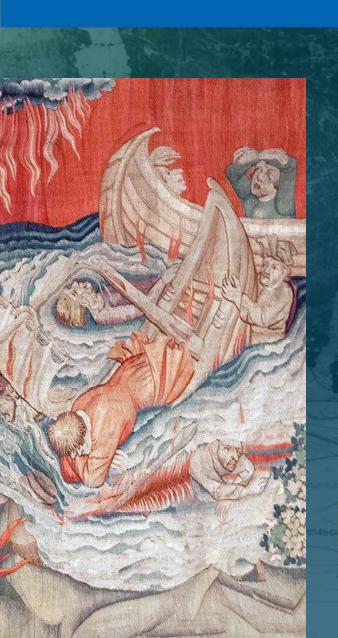








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(12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> Century) FINAL CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 10-11, 2025

Palazzo Corigliano Conference Hall, Second floor

# **November 10, 2025**

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10.00 – *Greetings & introduction* **Roberta Giunta** (Dean of the Department of Asian, African and Mediterranean studies)

**Donatella Guida** (University of Naples "L'Orientale")

10.30 – **Keynote 1**, **Ruth Gamble**(La Trobe University, Melbourne) *More Yaks, More Monasteries, More Mongols: Environmental Anomalies as Political Instruments in Tibetan Governance (12<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> Century)* 

11.30 - Coffee break

### 12.00 - Panel I - China

Chair Federico Brusadelli

Donatella Guida (University of Naples "L'Orientale"), Between Moral Responsibility and Proactive Policies: Official Memorials on Catastrophes at the Court of Song Gaozong (1127-1162)

Jialong Liu (University of Naples
"L'Orientale"), From 'Bad' to 'Good'
Omens: Cattle in the Monographs on
the Five Phases in Chinese Official
Histories from Tang to Yuan

Mateusz Janik (Polish Academy of Sciences), Environmental Legitimacy, from Zhu Xi to Xi Jinping: The Legacy of Political Cosmology in Chinese Political Discourse



# 15.00 - Panel II The Mongol World 1

Chair Donatella Guida

Federico Brusadelli (University of Naples "L'Orientale"), The Mongols and the Mandate: The Earthquake of 1303 and the Intellectual Debate on "Natural Disasters"

Bayarma Khabtagaeva (University of Naples "L'Orientale"), On the Names of Environmental Anomalies in Middle Mongol Sources

Hyun Soojin (Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul), The King's Power and the Resolution of Natural Anomalies in Koryŏ: From Local Sovereignty to Yuan Imperial Authority (12th–14th centuries)

16.30 – Coffee break







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#### 9.30 - Panel IV - Korea

Chair Antonio Manieri

Andrea De Benedittis (University of Naples "L'Orientale"), Fear, Control, and Political Legitimacy in the Rhetorics of Portents of the Samguk sagi, With a Focus on the Annals of Paekche

**Lukáš Kubik** (Charles University, Prague), Pirates as Omens: Interpreting Waegu Raids in the Legitimation of the Chosŏn Dynasty

Sooa Im McCormick (Korea Foundation Curator of Korean Art, Cleveland Museum of Art), When the Ten Kings Rise: Reckoning Its Political Significance with Environmental Collapse and Plague

11.00 - Coffee break



## 11.30 - Panel V - India & Japan

Chair Jialong Liu

Antonio Manieri (University of Naples "L'Orientale"), Decoding Omens Made Easy: Nature and Political Power in Medieval Japanese Encyclopedias

**Luca Piscopo** (University of Naples "L'Orientale"), *Reading the Signs*, *Ruling the Earth: Court Astrologers* and Ritual Politics in Medieval India

13.00 - Lunch

## 14.30 – Panel VI Islam and Christianity

Chair Isahaya Yoichi

Javier Albarrán (University of Granada), Environmental Imaginary and Political Theory in the Mirror for Princes by Abu Bakr al-Turtushi (d. 1127): a comparative approach

Ines Peta (Alma Mater University of Bologna), Calamity and Authority: Religious and Political Interpretations of Natural Disasters in Arabic Historiography from the Umayyads to the Mamluks Luca Parisoli (University of Calabria),

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From the Latin translation
De radiis (approx. 12th c.) to
Nicole Oresme's political
focus (mid-14th c.): a reading
of foreknowledge and
prognostication in Christian
Latin thought

16.00 – Coffee break

16.30 – Keynote 2: Martin
Bauch (Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe, Leipzig) The Blue Sun over Naples: The Arrival of Ippolita Maria Sforza in 1465 between Sacral Rulership and Humanist Perceptions of Antiquity

17.30 - Conclusions

