

2nd French-Italian Summer School Paris, 15-19 June 2026

PROGRAMME

Monday, June 15th 2026

Venue: Musée Guimet, Hôtel Heidelbach (salon Pelliot)

19 avenue d'Iéna, 75016 Paris (metro 9: Iéna)

10h. Welcome of participants

- Welcome address, Sandra Aube-Lorain (researcher, CNRS)
- Inaugural address, Anna Filigenzi (on behalf of Adriano Rossi, President of ISMEO — The International Association for Mediterranean and Oriental Studies)
- Participants' introduction round

11h. **Visit of the Guimet collection**, led by Nicolas Engel (musée Guimet) and Anna Filigenzi (Università di Napoli "L'Orientale")

13h. **Lunch** offered by the Chaire « Art et patrimoine de l'Afghanistan », Inalco

SESSION « ARCHIVING HERITAGE OF AFGHANISTAN: EXPLORING ITALIAN ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS »

14h. **Roberta Giunta** (Università di Napoli L'Orientale):

The Archives of the Italian Archaeological Mission in Afghanistan: Safeguarding, Digitizing, and Sharing the Legacy

14h45. **Federica Olivotto** and **Lorenzo Declich** (ISMEO – Associazione Internazionale di Studi sul Mediterraneo e l'Oriente):

From Archive to Access: Digitization, Metadata and Publication of the ISMEO Photographic Archives

15h30. **Giulia Forgione** (post-doctoral researcher, Università di Napoli L'Orientale):

The archaeological documentation of the Buddhist site of Tepe Narenj (4th-8th cent. CE): A tool to reframe the Afghan clay/stucco sculpture

16h15. **Arturo Annucci** (Postdoc Fellow, Giunta Storica Nazionale – Istituto Italiano di Numismatica):

Numismatic Data through Archives and Databases: The Coins from Tapa Sardar and Ghazni

Venue: École française d'Extrême-Orient (EFEO)

22, avenue du Président-Wilson, 75016 Paris

17h-19h. Welcome address and presentation of the EFEO, by Saarthak Singh (associate professor at the EFEO)

Cocktail offered by the Délégation archéologique française en Afghanistan (DAFA)

Tuesday, June 16th

Venue: Campus Condorcet (Recherche Sud, room 0.033)

5 cours des Humanités, 93300 Aubervilliers (metro 12: Front Populaire)

SESSION « NAVIGATING A CORPUS »

9h. *Invited Speaker* (tbc) “For Open Science”

9h45. **Arezou Azad** (Inalco) and **Ed Shawe-Taylor** (University of Oxford):

The Invisible East Digital Corpus: Behind the Scenes

10h45. Coffee break

11h. **Arezou Azad** and **Ed Shawe-Taylor**:

*Workshop**: “Navigating a Corpus”: Part 1. A case study: *The Invisible East project*” [2 groups: rooms 0.033 and 2.122]

12h. **Barbara Bonazzi** (CNRS, distam+):

*Workshop**: “Navigating a Corpus”: Part 2. *From Metadata to Corpus Filtering*

13h. **Lunch** offered at the Faculty Club

SESSION « DESIGNING A METADATA SCHEME »

14h30. **Viola Allegranzi** (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna):

Where words meet stone: New perspectives on architectural inscriptions from medieval Afghanistan

15h15. **Martina Massullo** (Musée du Louvre):

Presentation of the photographic archives held by the French Institute of research in Iran (IFRI, Tehran)

15h45. **Marie Bizais** (University of Strasbourg, distam+), **Barbara Bonazzi** (CNRS, distam+):

*Workshop**: “Designing a Metadata scheme” – based on the IFRI’s data set (2 groups)

Wednesday, June 17th

Venue: BULAC (Bibliothèque universitaire des langues et civilisations), room RJ.24

65 rue des Grands Moulins, 75013 Paris (metro 14: Bibliothèque François-Mitterrand)

10h. Presentation of the BULAC’s Persian collections, by Benjamin Guichard (scientific director of the BULAC) and Martina Massullo (Musée du Louvre)

SESSION “FROM METADATA TO AUTOMATIC IMAGE CLASSIFICATION”

11h. **Martina Massullo** (Musée du Louvre):

From Archival Records to Digital Research Data: The Viollet and Godard Collections on Iranian and Afghan Architecture

12h. **Lunch** at Plan Libre restaurant (Cité de Refuge, 12 rue Cantagrel, 75013 Paris)

13h30. **Sipana Tchakerian** (Institut national d’histoire de l’art):

An Introduction to the INHA Fonds Thierry corpus

14h-16h. **Denise Atzori** (Università di Pisa, ENC-PSL), **Chiara Tedesco** (ENC-PSL) and **Thaïs Raffray** (ENC-PSL):

*Workshop**: “From Metadata to Automatic Image Classification”, based on the Thierry Dataset [2 groups: rooms RJ.24 and RJ.23]

ROUNDTABLE: “Ethics and the Afterlife of Manuscripts in Contexts of Conflict and Poverty”,

16h15-17h45. With Maja Kominko (Director of Projects at The Heritage Management Organization), Gil Stein (Professor of Near Eastern Archaeology in MES and at the Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures, Director of the Chicago Center for Cultural Heritage Preservation), Ahmad Laeiq (PAUSE).

Discussant: Arezou Azad

Venue: [Fondation Maison des Sciences de l’Homme \(FMSH\)](#)
54 boulevard Raspail, 75006 Paris (metro 10 or 12: Sèvres Babylone)

BOOK SERIES LAUNCH

18h30. *The Islamicate East: New Approaches to Texts & History* and *Ancient and Medieval Afghanistan*: Launch for two book series of Edinburgh University Press offered by the Chair of the Art and heritage of Afghanistan at Inalco (on registration).

Keynote by Frantz Grenet.

Presentations & roundtable with the authors. Drinks reception.

Thursday, June 18th

Venue: [Campus Condorcet](#)

Organized in collaboration with the Hospitality and Academic Freedom Week:

9h. Guided tour of temporary exhibitions:

– « *Même la poussière se souvient de moi*” (Even the dust remembers me) of the artist Rada Akbar (presented by the artist),

– “*De la terre à l’écrit*” (Memory and transmission: The archives of the French missions in Afghanistan held at the MSH Mondes) by Laeiq Ahmad and Sylvain Bourmeau

10h. **Concert**, by the Trio Farhang Habibi & Hamed Zoheirin Jina Sarhangi (Humathèque, Forum)

10h30. **Official opening** of the Hospitality and Academic Freedom Week: by Pierre-Paul Zalio (president of the Campus



Condorcet), Yoan Vilain (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), Laura Lohéac (PAUSE), Paolo Artini (Ancien représentant UNHCR en France)

(Centre des colloques, auditorium 150)

11h30. Round-table “Accueillir les savoirs et les créations en exil; hospitalité universitaire et libertés académique”/“Knowledge and Creative Practices in Exile: University Hospitality and Academic Freedom”

With: Alka Patel (CNRS/LA3M), Aleksandr Musin (Chaire « Transferts culturels » – Biblissima+/EHESS/UXIL);

Neda Soltani (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), Özgür Sevgi Göral (Chaire « Migrations »/UXIL), Denis Meiken (Sorbonne Nouvelle/IHEAL)

Modération : Sandra Aube Lorain (CNRS/GIS MOMM) ; Julie Trébault (ARC- Artists at Risk Connection)

(Centre des colloques, auditorium 150)

Another activity is accessible*:

Venue: BnF-Richelieu

58 rue de Richelieu, 75002 Paris (metro 7 and 14: Pyramides, or metro 3: Bourse)

12h. Presentation of the Persian manuscripts, with Arezou Azad (Inalco) and Michele Bernardini (Università di Napoli “L’Orientale”)

Venue: Institut national d’histoire de l’art (INHA), room Benjamin

2 rue Vivienne, 75002 Paris (metro 14: Pyramides, or metro 3: Bourse)

14h. Introductory visit of the INHA, by Sipana Tchakerian and Louisa Torres (meeting-point at the rotonda of the Galerie Colbert)

SESSION « A TEXT EXTRACTION WORKFLOW »

14h45. **Francis Richard**, in discussion with **Michele Bernardini**:

Manuscript heritage and research on Afghanistan. Focus on the National Archives of Kabul

15h30. **Laurianne Sève** (Délégation archéologique française en Afghanistan / DAFA):

A Century of Archaeological Exploration in Afghanistan: DAFA and its Scattered Archives

16h15. **Chahan Vidal-Gorène** (Calfa, ENC-PSL, distam+), **Marie Bizais**

*Workshop**: “A Text Extraction Workflow”, based of the DAFA dataset

DISCUSSION: Qur’anic Manuscripts from Medieval Afghanistan and Pre-Mughal India: A

Conversation on The Forgotten Qur’ans and Prisme Indien

18.30. Discussion with the authors Alya Karame (Orient-Institut Beirut) and Éloïse Brac de la Perrière (Sorbonne Université & INHA, Centre André- Chastel) led by Finbarr Barry Flood (New York University)

Friday, June 19th

Venue: Campus Condorcet (Recherche Sud, room 0.033)

SESSION « STRUCTURED DATA »

9h. **Alka Patel** (CNRS, LA3M):

Archives in Dialogue: Medieval Sistan in the 20th Century

10h. **Maxime Létoffé** (ENC-PSL, EPHE) and **Mathieu**

Rivière (ENC-PSL):

*Workshop**: “Structured Data” [2 groups: rooms 0.033 and 2.122]

12h. **Lunch** offered at the Faculty Club

SESSION « SPATIALIZATION »

13h30. **Maxime Létoffé, Mathieu Rivière, and Barbara Bonazzi**:

*Workshop**: “Spatialization” [2 groups: rooms 0.033 and 2.122]

15h. **Conclusion** :

Building a Project: The Toolbox, by Marie Bizais and Barbara Bonazzi

16h. End of the Summer School.

* *Workshops marked with an asterisk are reserved for the summer school’s registered participants only.*

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