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*Toward a Stronger and More Effective Research Collaboration  
among Member Universities of SUN*

**THE 8TH IAAS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**12-14 november 2024**

*From Silk Roads  
to World History  
Civilizations*

**HEROES  
CONQUERORS  
and  
ADVENTURERS**





# Program of the 9th General Assembly of SUN and The 8th Annual International Conference of IASS

## Themes

GA: “Toward a Stronger and More Effective Research Collaboration among Member Universities of SUN (the Silk-Road Universities Network)”

IASS, International Associations for Silk-Road Studies:

*From Silk Roads to World History Civilizations: Heroes, Conquerors, and Adventurers*

## Program & Schedule

11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2024

14:00-18:00

17:30

19:30

### Preliminary Events

Registration – Conference Hall, Palazzo Corigliano, L’Orientale University of Napoli, Piazza san Domenico Maggiore, 12, second floor  
Concert, Università L’Orientale Opening of the Academic Year 2024-25

Conservatorio della Musica, Sala Scarlatti, San Pietro a Majella, 35  
Dinner (Pizza Party) at *Mamma*, Santa Brigida

# DAY 1

## 12 NOVEMBER, TUESDAY

### Opening Ceremony

**Venue:** Basilica San Giovanni Maggiore, *Rampe San Giovanni Maggiore*

09:00-09:25 Entrance of University Flags & Heads of Delegations

MC: **Amali Ranavi Thanthrige, Lorenzo Pubblici**

09:25-09:30 *A minute of silence for the Victims of Tragic Incidents  
Happened along the Silk Roads*

09:30-09:50

### Welcoming Speech

**Francesco Senese**, Advisor to the Mayor  
of Naples on International Affairs

**Roberto Tottoli**, Rector, University of Naples L'Orientale

**Adriano Rossi**, President, International Association  
for Mediterranean and Oriental Studies

09:50-10:10

### Opening Speech

**Karim Chelli**, Chairman of SUN and President of  
Canadian University Dubai





- 10:10-10:20      **Congratulatory Speeches**  
Tiziana Lippiello, Rector, Ca' Foscari University of Venice  
Wu Junru, Co-Director of the Istituto Confucio  
Shimada Ryuto, University of Tokyo
- 10:20-10:50      *Group Photo Session and Coffee Break*

### **Administrative Proceeding for the General Assembly**

- Venue:**            **Basilica San Giovanni Maggiore, Rampe San Giovanni Maggiore**
- 10:50-11:30      Annual Report of SUN by **Sungdon Hwang**, Secretary-General of SUN
- 11:30-11:35      Report of the Audit Result by **Sharma Dwivedi Anand Prakash**,  
Auditor of SUN
- 11:35-11:45      *Q&A and Resolution*
- 11:45-12:15      *Election and Appointment*

### **Award Ceremony**

- Venue:**            **Basilica San Giovanni Maggiore, Rampe San Giovanni Maggiore**
- 12:15-12:30      Introduction to the Contests of SUN
- 12:30-12:45      Award Ceremony for PHOCOS (Photo Contest of SUN)
- 12:45-13:00      Award Ceremony for WRICOS (Writing Contest of SUN)

### **Luncheon**

- Venue:**            **Basilica San Giovanni Maggiore, Rampe San Giovanni Maggiore**
- 13:00-14:30      *Luncheon (buffet)*

### **IASS Conference, Opening Session 14.30-18.00**

- Venue:**            **Basilica San Giovanni Maggiore, Rampe San Giovanni Maggiore**
- 14:30-14:40      *Introduction* by **Patrizia Carioti**, University of Naples L'Orientale,  
and President of IASS
- 14:40-15:20      *Keynote Speech* by **Michele Bernardini**, University of Naples L'Orientale,  
Coordinator of Ph.D. Program Asia, Africa and Mediterranean

- 15:20-15:50 *Keynote Speech* by His Excellency Mr. **Chong-ha Yoo**, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, South Korea and Chair Person of the International Advisory Committee of SUN
- 15.50- 16.00 *Small Break*

## PLENARY SESSION

A special session dedicated to the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Matteo Ripa's Return to Italy from China

### “Matteo Ripa and the Chinese College”

- Venue: **Basilica San Giovanni Maggiore, Rampe San Giovanni Maggiore**  
 16:00-18:00 Chair: **Augusto Guarino**, Vice Rector, University of Naples L'Orientale  
**Donatella Guida**, University of Naples L'Orientale,  
 President of the Research Center on Matteo Ripa  
*Matteo Ripa's Journey: From Kangxi's Court to a New Vision for China*  
**Annachiara Trapani**, University of Naples L'Orientale  
*Building a Legacy: Matteo Ripa and the Chinese College in Naples*  
**Carlo Vecce**, University of Naples L'Orientale  
*Towards a Global World: Matteo Ripa's Literary Legacy*  
*Q&A*
- 19:00-21:00 *Dinner*
- Venue: **Restaurant “Mammìna” Via Santa Brigida, 65**



# DAY 2

## 13 NOVEMBER, WEDNESDAY

### **Cultural Tour to Eboli and Paestum**

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| 07:45        | Departure to Eboli by bus  |
| 10.00 -11.00 | Guided tour to Eboli, the birthplace of Matteo Ripa, founder of University of Naples L'Orientale |
| 11:00        | Special Session on Matteo Ripa organized by the City of Eboli                                    |
| 13:00        | Lunch offered by the City of Eboli   |
| 14:30        | Departure to the archaeological site of Paestum  |
| 15:00        | Guided visit to the Paestum archaeological park and museum                                       |
| 17:00        | Departure to Napoli  |



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# DAY 3

## 14 NOVEMBER, THURSDAY

*Parallel events of the General Assembly of SUN & IASS Academic Conference.*

### **General Assembly Sessions**

- 09:00-13:00      **GA Session One: UPSUN Workshop**  
**Venue:**      Palazzo du Mesnil, *Meeting Room, Second FL*  
Chair: Sungdon Hwang, Secretary-General of SUN
- 09:00-13:00      **GA Session Two: USSUN Workshop**  
**Venue:**      Palazzo Corigliano, *Conference Hall, Second Floor*  
*Piazza San Domenico Maggiore, 12*  
Chair: Dorota Majewicz
- 13:00-14:00      **Luncheon together with the IASS participants**  
**Venue:**      Palazzo Corigliano, *Conference Hall, Second Floor*  
*Piazza San Domenico Maggiore, 12*
- 14:00-16:00      **GA Session Three: SUN Board Meeting**  
**Venue:**      Palazzo du Mesnil, *Meeting Room, Second FL*  
Chair: Karim Chelli, Chairman of SUN





## International Association for Silk-Roads Studies Conference

### IASS SESSION ONE

Venue: Palazzo Du Mesnil, *Conference Hall, First Floor*  
*Via Chiatamone 61/62*

### PANEL 1

#### Japanese Trade and Residence in Southeast Asia in the Early Modern Period

08:45-10:45 Chair: **Antonia Soriente**, University of Naples L'Orientale

**Ryūto Shimada**, University of Tokyo  
*Tenjiku Tokubei: An Invisible Japanese Hero who Went to Ayutthaya in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century*

**Ubaldo Iaccarino**, University of Naples L'Orientale  
*Early Modern Japanese Residents in the Philippines. A close look at Manila's Nihonmachi*

**Pierre-Emmanuel Bachelet**, École Normale Supérieure de Lyon  
*Luxuries from afar. Trade and consumption of fragrant woods from Southeast Asia to Japan (17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> centuries)*

**Giuseppe Giordano**, University of Naples L'Orientale  
*Blades and Bullets: The Shinsengumi and the arrival of Western military technology*

Q&A

10:45-11:00 *Coffee Break*

## Panel 2

### **The Maritime Silk Road: looking for connections across disciplines**

11:00-13:00

Chair: **Pia Brancaccio**, University of Naples L'Orientale

**Elizabeth Lambourn**, De Montfort University, Leicester

*Neither heroes nor conquerors: craft mobility  
in the Indian Ocean world before 1500*

**Francisco Apellániz**, University of Naples L'Orientale

*Mamluks, Nakhudhas, and Eunuchs: Muslim networks  
in the Indian Ocean before Da Gama*

**Victoria Almonte**, University of Tuscia

*The perceptions of the others: some encounters between  
China and the Mediterranean area along the Silk Roads*

**Alexia Pavan** and **Chiara Visconti**, University of Naples L'Orientale

*Tales from Arabia: Explorers and Merchants  
in Zafār through texts and archaeology*

*Q&A*

13:00-14:00

*Luncheon*



## PANEL 3

### People, Goods, Ideas along the ancient Silk Roads

14:00-16:00

Chair: **Michele Bernardini**, University of Naples L'Orientale

**Tommaso Raiola**, University of Naples L'Orientale

*Greeks searching for paths to the East:*

*On the traces of the ancient Silk Roads*

**Irene Calà**, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

*Greek medicine on the Silk Road: Constantinople and the physicians*

**Laura Massetti**, University of Naples L'Orientale

*Tales from the Silk Road and Their Western Resonances: A Case Study*

*Q&A*

## SESSION TWO

### PANEL 4

#### Literary Exchange on the Silk Road

Venue:

**Palazzo Du Mesnil**, *Third Floor, Conference Hall*

*Via Chiatamone 61/62*

9:15-10:45

Chair: **Natalia Tornesello**, University of Naples L'Orientale

**M.Ertan Gökmen**, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

*One of the First Intellectual, Poet and Thinker of the Silk Road Society from  
Turkic-Islamic World: Yûsuf Hâs Hâjib*

**Seda Gülsüm Gökmen**, Ankara University

*Mahmud Al-Kashgari: Dîwân Lughât al-Turk/Compendium  
of the Languages of the Turks*

**Tomoko Morikawa**, University of Tokyo

*Sindbad the Sailor and 'Aja'ib al-Makhlûqat (The Wonders  
of Creatures) on Medieval Maritime Silk Road and Beyond*

10:45-11:00

*Coffee Break*

## Panel 5

### A Bridge for Knowledge on the Silk Roads

11:00-13:00

Chair: **Bruno Genito**, University of Naples L'Orientale

**Asim Jannatov** and **Roja K. Mirzabayova** (online),

Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences

*Foundations of intellectual exchange along the Silk Road*

**Mohammad Idris Laurey**, Punjabi University

*Silk Route as a cultural bridge: Studying the contribution*

*of Sufis between India and the medieval Asiatic world*

**Sharma Dwivedi Anand Prakash**, Delhi University

*Examining the Political Utility of War in the Light of Kautilya's*

*"KūṭaYuddha" and Machiavelli's "Total War"*

**Adele Cozzani**, University of Naples L'Orientale

*Hu Dengzhou and the Jingtang Jiaoyu: linguistic*

*and cultural aspects of Islamic education in China during Ming era*

13:00-14:00

*Luncheon together with the GA participants*

## Panel 6

### A Glimpse on Contemporary Silk Roads World

Venue:

**Palazzo Du Mesnil**, Third Floor, Conference Hall, Via Chiatamone 61/62

14:00-15:45

Chair: **Tommaso Trevisani**, University of Naples L'Orientale

**Cristina Zhou**, University of Coimbra

*Conquering the "limitless Sea"- a peculiar version*

*of cultural Silk Roads in Fernando Pessoa's spiritual cosmopolitanism*

**Zheng Jie-Zhao Ji**, Beijing City University

*Revitalization and tourism development of Dunhuang cultural heritage*

**Carlos Leone**, *Blocks in international affairs*

Q&A



## PLENARY SESSION

### A special session dedicated to the 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Marco Polo's death “Marco Polo's Silk Roads”

- Venue:** Palazzo Du Mesnil, *Conference Hall, First Floor*  
*Via Chiatamone 61/62*
- 16:00-18:00 **Chair: Lorenzo Publici**, University of Naples L'Orientale  
**Maddalena Barenghi**, Ca'Foscari University of Venice  
*Horse Routes and State Spaces in the Late Tang Period (8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> century)*  
**Raissa De Gruttola**, Ca'Foscari University of Venice  
*Franciscan Friars and texts traveling along the Silk Roads through the centuries*  
**Nicola Di Cosmo**, Institute of Advanced Studies, Princeton  
*Notes on Marco Polo's Contribution to a Cultural History of Silk Road*  
**Elisabetta Ragagnin**, Ca'Foscari University of Venice (online)  
*Marco Polo's studies in Mongolia*  
**Laura De Giorgi**, Ca'Foscari University of Venice  
*Marco Polo in Twentieth Century's Italian Imagery*  
*Q&A*

### Closing Ceremony

- Venue:** Palazzo Du Mesnil, *Conference Hall, First Floor*  
*Via Chiatamone 61/62*
- 18:00-18:40 Closing Remarks, Election, and Appointments
- 19:00-21.00 *Farewell Dinner*
- Venue:** Restaurant “Mammìna” *Via Partenope, 15-18*
- 21:00 *Cakes, Toast, and... Lyrics*
- Venue:** Circolo Rari Nantes, *Via Partenope*



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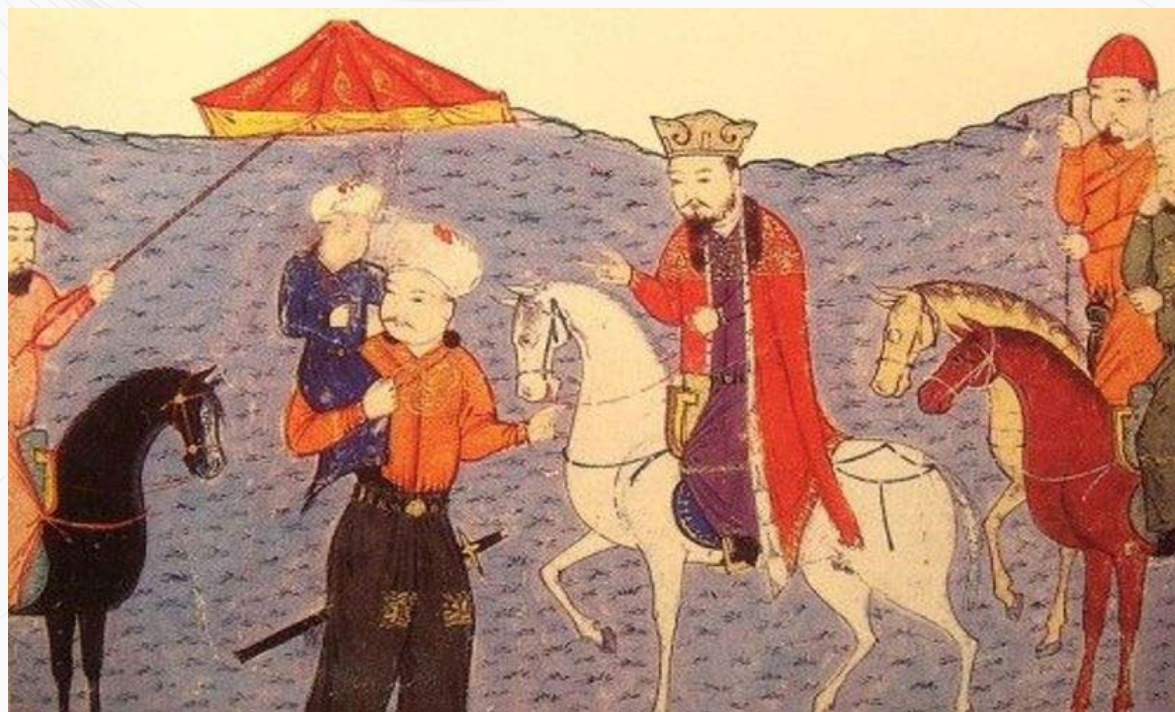
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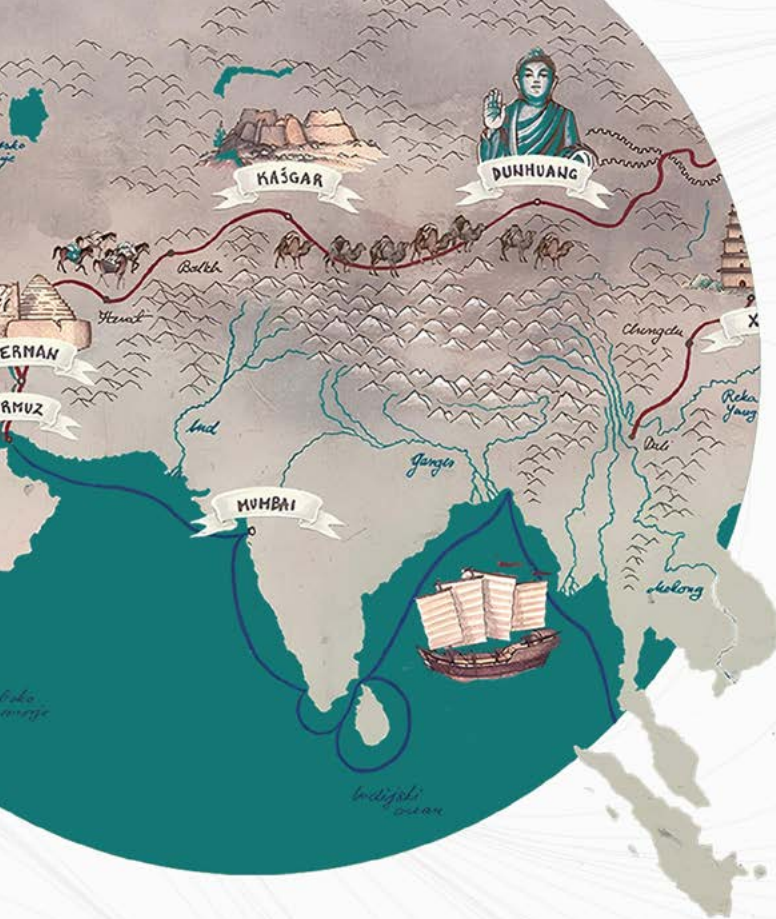
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