

“The Power of the Planets: The Social History of Astral Sciences Between East and West.”

May 20–21, 2024

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Monday, May 20

8:45-9:00 – Antonio Panaino: Opening Remarks

9:00-9:30 – Mathieu Ossendrijver: "The Planets in Late Babylonian Astrology."

9:30-10:00 – Michelle McCoy: "Gao Lu (1877–1947) and the Case of the Greco-Chinese Constellations."

10:00-11:00 – Coffee Break

11:00-11:30 – Garima Garg: "Karma and Indian Astrology: How Indian Astrology Spread Globally In Contemporary History."

11:30-12:00 – Stamatina Mastorakou: ""Exploring Inanimate Constellations in the Ancient Night Sky.""

12:00-14:30 – Lunch Break

14:30-15:00 – Levente László: "Isaac Argyros's revisions of astrological texts."

15:00-15:30 – Martin Gansten: "Texts in Context: The Indian Reception of Sahl ibn Bishr."

Tuesday, May 21

9:00-9:30 – Inês Bénard da Costa: "Communication in Practice: Iberian and Indian Ocean Stellar Altitude Measurements in Comparison."

9:30-10:00 – Daniel Patrick Morgan: "Omenology as choreography: remarks on the ritual nature of political action in response to eclipses in early imperial China."

10:00-11:00 – Coffee Break

11:00-11:30 – Luis Ribeiro: "Modernising Astrology in the East: the Jesuits and the introduction of European astrology in China and Japan."

11:30-12:00 – Sooyeun Yang: "Seven Star Veneration in Late Joseon Buddhism."

12:00-12:30 – Jeffrey Kotyk: "The Seven-Day Week in Tang China: Was it Astrology?"

Closing Remarks