

Baltic Alliance for Asian Studies (BAAS) Vilnius Conference 2014

Venue: Vilnius University

Date: April 3–4, 2014

PROGRAMME

Thursday 3 April 2014

08.30–09.00 Registration (Aula Parva)

09.00–09.30 Welcome address (Aula Parva)

Prof. Audrius Beinorius, Director of the Centre of Oriental Studies (Vilnius University), Chair of the Board of Baltic Alliance for Asian Studies (BAAS)

Dr. Giedrė Purvaneckienė, Chair of the Seimas Delegation to the Baltic Assembly

10.00–11.00, Keynote speech (Aula Parva)

Rein Raud (University of Helsinki)

The Subject, the World and the Languages Between Them

Coffee break (lobby at K. Donelaitis Room)

11.30–13.00: Panel 1, Panel 4, pt 1, Panel 5:

Panel 1: Poetry and Painting under Tang and Song (K. Donelaitis Room)

Chair: Frank Kraushaar, University of Latvia

Zhang Donghui (Liaoning University, Vilnius University Confucius Institute)

Return to Simplicity and Harmony: Reading Tao Yuanming

Jekaterina Koort (Tallinn University)

Landscape Image as an Indicator of Cultural Change: Chinese neo-Confucian example

Frank Kraushaar (University of Latvia)

“My Hut Amongst Trees All-Round”. On the ambiguous task of sheltering the Self in Classical Chinese poetry and landscape painting (400–1400 A.D.)

Panel 4, pt 1: Quest for Anthropological Perspective in Asian Studies (J. Kovalevskis Room)

Chair: Vytis Čiubrinskas, Vytautas Magnus University

Vytis Čiubrinskas (Vytautas Magnus University, Vilnius University)

Resourcefulness and Instrumentality of the Anthropological Perspective in Asian Studies

Emilija Zabaliūtė (University of Copenhagen)

The birth of Rajeev Gandhi Camp: From *kutch* to *pukka*

Eva Lukšaitė (Brunel University)

The Intimate State: Female sterilisation, citizenship and the ody in Rajasthan

Kristina Barancovaitė Skindaravičienė (Vytautas Magnus University)

Contemporary Japanese Salary-men and Fatherhood: Images and realities

Panel 5: Identity in Arts and Visual Cultures of Asia (Seminar 239)

Chair: Deimantas Valančiūnas, Vilnius University

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Mythologizing the Camera: Indian mythological films and the cinematography

Leons Taivans (University of Latvia)

Wayang Wahyu (Shadow Play) and the Shift of Christian Paradigm in Indonesia

Valdas Jaskūnas (Vilnius University)

Designing Imperial Space in Early Medieval North India: Complexities of temple building and patronage under the Pratiharas

Agnese Haijima (University of Latvia)

Nature in Modern Cities: *Tsuboniwa* – Japanese pocket gardens

Lunch break

14.30–16.00: Panel 3, pt 1, Panel 4, pt 2, Panel 9, pt 1:

Panel 3, pt 1: Linguistic Traditions and Other Systems of Knowledge in Asia (K. Donelaitis Room)

Chair: Vytis Vidūnas, Vilnius University

Audrius Beinorius (Vilnius University)

The Epistemological and Cosmological Foundations of Indian Astrology and Divination

Carmela Mastrangelo (Sapienza Università di Roma)

Pedagogy of Traditional Sanskrit Grammar in Southern India Through the Works of 18th Century Missionaries

Vytis Vidūnas (Vilnius University)

Ritual Background of Ancient Indian Phonetics

Panel 4, pt 2: Quest for Anthropological Perspective in Asian Studies (J. Kovalevskis Room)

Chair: Vytis Čiubrinskas, Vytautas Magnus University; Vilnius University

Indrė Balčaitė (University of London)

Living Across the Border: Plong Karen migrant workers from the Hpa-an area, Myanmar, in Bangkok, Thailand

Kristina Garalytė (Vytautas Magnus University)

Dalit Student's Identity Assertion: Experience, knowledge and politics of caste in Indian universities

Ieva Zakarevičiūtė (Vytautas Magnus University)

Imagining Woman in the Streets of Cairo: Analysis of Cairo graffiti

Panel 9, pt 1: Religious Diversity of Turkic Speaking Peoples in Eastern Europe (Seminar 239)

Chair: Zsuzsanna Olach, Hungarian Academy of Sciences; Szeged University

Galina Miškinienė (Vilnius University)

Lithuanian Tatars Community in a Changing Europe

Riikka Tuori (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main)

Karaite Religion of the Polish-Lithuanian Karaims in the Early Modern Period: Remarks on Karaim Doctrine in the light of Contemporary Hebrew Sources

Michael Połczyński (Georgetown University)

Risale-i Tatar-i Leh: Polish Tatars at the Sublime Porte

Coffee break (lobby at K. Donelaitis Room)

16.30–18.00: Panel 3, pt 2, Panel 8, Panel 9, pt 2:

Panel 3, pt 2: Linguistic Traditions and Other Systems of Knowledge in Asia (K. Donelaitis Room)

Chair: Vytis Vidūnas, Vilnius University

Vladimir Sazonov (University of Tartu)

Multilingualism in Achaemenid Iran: The role of languages in state politics, propaganda and state ideology

Andreas Johandi (University of Tartu)

Some Remarks on the Linguistics and Poetics of the Akkadian Texts about King Sargon

Panel 8: Asian Literary Texts in the Baltic States: Translations and responses (J. Kovalevskis Room)

Chair: Dalia Švambarytė, Vilnius University

Agita Baltgalve (University of Latvia)

Constructive Evaluation of Literary Translations from Chinese into Latvian Language

Jurgita Polonskaitė (Vilnius University)

Modern Japanese Literature in Lithuanian Translation: History, variety and appraisal

Dalia Švambarytė (Vilnius University)

Haiku in Lithuanian: Translations, interpretations, compositions

Panel 9, pt 2: Religious Diversity of Turkic Speaking Peoples in Eastern Europe (Seminar 239)

Chair: Zsuzsanna Olach, Hungarian Academy of Sciences; Szeged University

Szilvia Kovács (Hungarian Academy of Sciences; Szeged University)

A Franciscan Friar's Letter from the Crimea (1287)

Benedek Zsigmond (National Academy of Sciences of Armenia)

Traces of a Shift in Liturgical Practices in Armeno-Kipchak Documents

Zsuzsanna Olach (Hungarian Academy of Sciences; Szeged University)

Emergence of New Written Cultures: The use of Hebrew script among Krymchaks and Karaims

18.30, Conference dinner

Friday 4 April 2014

09.30–10.30, Keynote speech (K. Donelaitis Room)

Viktoria Lysenko (Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy, Moscow)

On Eurocentrism as a Hindrance to Modern Western Philosophy: The heuristic Interest in studying Indian Philosophy

Coffee break (lobby at K. Donelaitis Room)

11.00–13.00: Panel 2, pt 1, Panel 10:

Panel 2, pt 1: Buddhism in Texts: Interpretations and re-interpretations of Buddhist heritage (K. Donelaitis Room)

Chair: Märt Läänemets, University of Tartu

Vladimir Korobov (Vilnius University)

The Buddha's Silence (*avyākṛitavastu*) as a Reply on the "I-question": Reconstruction of Yogācāra's approach

Kadri Raudsepp (Tallinn University)

Detecting Limits of Studying Buddhist Texts: The case of higher tantras of Tibetan Buddhism

Alari Allik (Tallinn University)

Sense of Time in Genshin's Writings

Lauri Liiders (University of Tartu)

Buddhism in Western Literature: Fiction as a vehicle of transmission?

Panel 10: Islamic Political Discourse in Greater Central Asia: Between tradition and modernity (J. Kovalevskis Room)

Chair: Fabio Belafatti, Vilnius University

Konstantinas Andrijauskas (Vilnius University)

The Delusion of Muslim Unity: Relations between Uyghurs and Hui People in Contemporary China

Claudia Pretto (Independent scholar)

Crimean Tatar diaspora experience in Uzbekistan: Religion, nation state and secularism

Egdūnas Račius (Vytautas Magnus University)

On a Collision Path? Afghanistan between tradition and religion

Fabio Belafatti (Vilnius University)

Hizb ut-Tahrir in Uzbekistan: Discourse of danger or real Islamist threat?

Lunch break

14.30–16.00: Panel 2, pt 2, Panel 6, pt 1, Panel 7, pt 1:

Panel 2, pt 2: Buddhism in Texts: Interpretations and re-interpretations of Buddhist heritage (K. Donelaitis Room)

Chair: Märt Läänemets, University of Tartu

Teet Toome (University of Tartu)

Text as Samādhi: The cultural approach of the Lotus Sūtra

Laur Järv (University of Tartu)

Ontology in Abhidharma: Dharmas as tropes?

Märt Läänemets (University of Tartu)

Dharma and Dharmas: The semiotic approach to understand the central concept of Buddhism

Panel 6, pt 1: Images, Perceptions and Representations of Asian Countries in Europe (J. Kovalevskis Room)

Chair: Aurelijus Zykas, Vytautas Magnus University

Arvydas Kumpis (Vytautas Magnus University)

Representations of Zainichi Koreans in Japanese Media: The case of *Japan Times*

Egdūnas Račius (Vytautas Magnus University)

Representations of Muslim Gender Relations and Sexual Behavior in the Mainstream Lithuanian Media

Daiva Repečkaitė (Vytautas Magnus University)

Expert views: crafting expertise on China in European media

Panel 7, pt 1: Contemporary Philosophical Issues from East Asian Perspective (Seminar 239)

Chair: Loreta Poškaitė, Vilnius University

Renatas Berniūnas, Vilius Dranseika (Vilnius University)

Are There Different Moral Domains? Evidence from Mongolia

Loreta Poškaitė (Vilnius University)

Xiao (Filial Piety) for the Contemporary Ethics and Societies: Between universality and particularity, theory and practice

Agnė Budriūnaitė (Vytautas Magnus University)

Singing in the Face of Death: The existential lessons from the philosophy of *Zhuangzi*

Margus Ott (Tallinn University)

Self-Cultivation According to Zhu Xi

Coffee break (lobby at K. Donelaitis Room)

16.30–17.30: Panel 6, pt 2:

Panel 6, pt 2: Images, Perceptions and Representations of Asian Countries in Europe (J. Kovalevskis Room)

Chair: Aurelijus Zykas, Vytautas Magnus University

Ene Selart (University of Tartu)

Japanese Travelogues in Estonian Newspapers (Until Russo-Japanese War 1904–05)

Aurelijus Zykas (Vytautas Magnus University)
Changing Aims of Japan's Public Diplomacy after the Cold War

17.30–18.00, Closing remarks (J. Kovalevskis Room)

Saturday 5 April 2014

10.00–13.00, Meeting of BAAS Board