

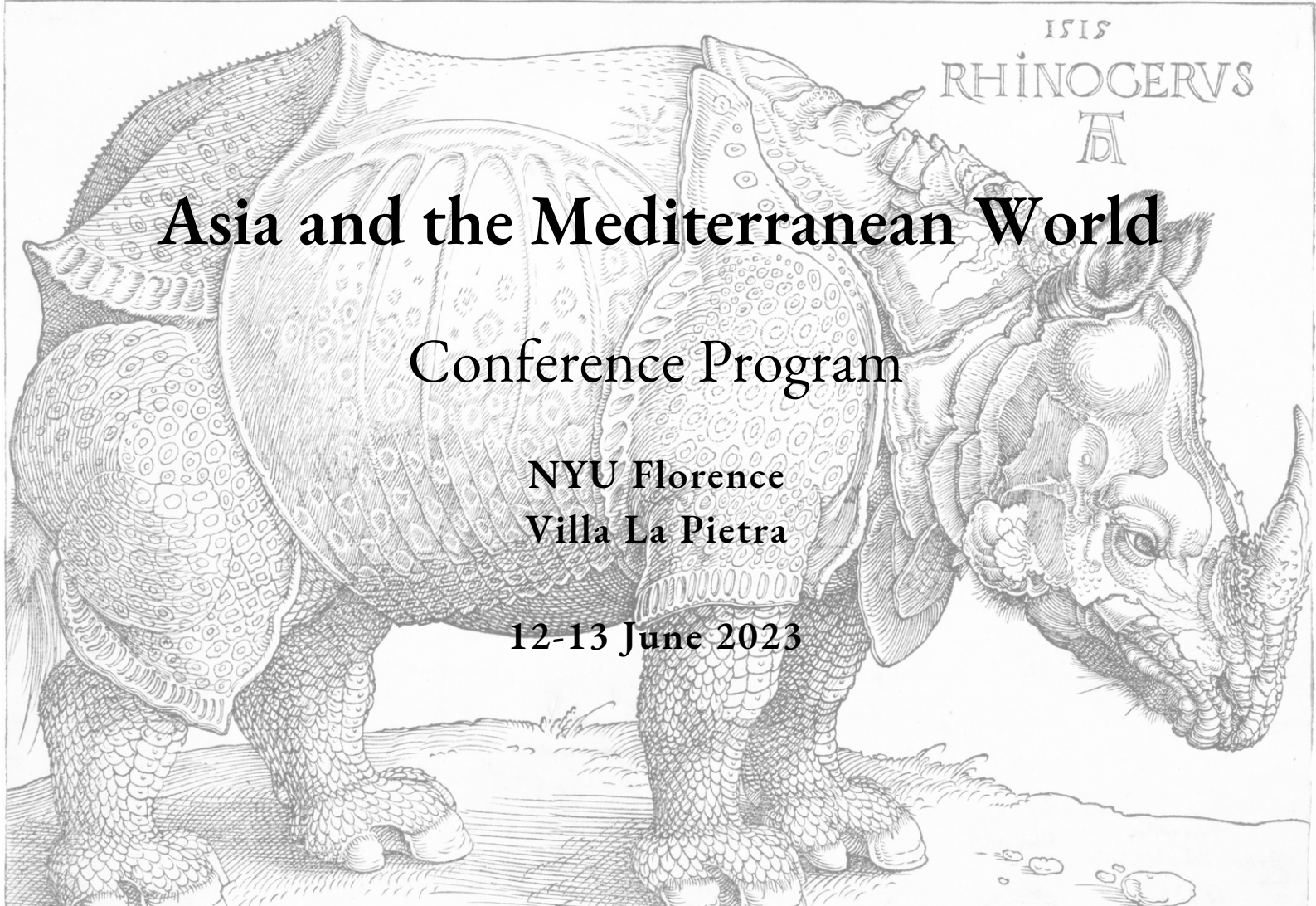


Center for Global Asia  
环球亚洲研究中心



NYU | FLORENCE

Nach Christi Geburt. 1513. Jar. 2di. j. May. Hat man dem großmechtigen König von Portugall Emanuel gen Lysabona pracht auf India/ ein sollich lebendig Thier. Das nennen si Rhinocerus. Das ist hie mit aller seiner gestalt Abcondertset. Es hat ein farb wie ein gespreckelte Schildkrot. Vnd ist vß dicken Schalen vberlegt fast fest. Vnd ist in der größ als der Hellsand aber nydertrechtiger von paynen/ vnd fast werh. afftig. Es hat ein scharff stark Horn vorn auff der nase/ Das begyndt es albeg zu werzen wo es bey staynen ist. Das do sig Thier ist des Hellsandz todt feyndt. Der Hellsandz fürcht es fast vbel/ dann wo es In ankumde/ so laufft In das Thier mit dem kopff zwischen drey sordern payn vnd reyft den Hellsandz vnden am pauch auf. In erwürgt In/ des mag er sich nit erwehren. Dann das Thier ist also gewapent/ das In der Hellsandz nichts kan thün. Sie sagen auch das der Rhinocerus Schnell/ Staydig vnd Listig sey



# Asia and the Mediterranean World

## Conference Program

NYU Florence  
Villa La Pietra

12-13 June 2023

Supported by

Global Opportunity Grant and Global Research Initiatives, NYU

Provost's Funds, NYU Shanghai

Henry Luce Foundation

Global Asia Programs in Abu Dhabi, New York, and Shanghai

9:30AM-10:00AM Welcome Coffee and Registration

10:00AM-10:15AM Opening Remarks by Tansen Sen (NYU Shanghai)

### Panel 1: Mobilities and Exchanges

Chair: Duane Corpis (NYU Shanghai)

10:30AM-10:50AM David Ludden (NYU)  
*The Mobility of Asia in Mediterranean Spaces*

10:50AM-11:10AM Norman Underwood (Florida State University-Panama City)  
*Peppering Roman Relations: Spice Exchange among Peasants, Traders, and Patrons*

11:10AM-11:30AM Pia Brancaccio (Drexel University)  
*Buddhist India and the Mediterranean at the Beginning of the Common Era*

11:30AM-12:00PM Discussion

### Lunch

12:00PM-2:00PM

### Panel 2: Transnationalities and Proximities

Chair: Nelida Fuccaro (NYU Abu Dhabi)

2:00PM-2:20PM Hyoungee Kong (NYU Shanghai)  
*Fantastically Queer Touches: Ideas of Japan and the Kimonomanie in Belle Epoque France*

2:20PM-2:40PM Marcella Simoni (Ca'Foscari University)  
*Transnational Jews in South, East and Southeast Asia: Individuals, the Press and Some Ideas (1850-1950)*

2:40PM-3:00PM Toral Jatin Gajarawala (NYU Abu Dhabi)  
*The Black Nudes*

3:00PM-3:30PM Discussion

3:30PM-4:00PM Coffee/Tea

4:30PM-  
6:00PM

## Keynote Address 1

Nicola Di Cosmo (Institute for Advanced Study)

*Revisiting the Veneto-Genoese Embargo against the Golden Horde: A Prisoner's Dilemma?*

Chair: David Ludden (NYU)

Day 2

Tuesday, 13 June 2023

9:30AM-  
10:00AM

Coffee/Tea

## Panel 3: Traveling People, Tastes, and Sound

Chair: Hyoungee Kong (NYU Shanghai)

10:00AM-  
10:20AM

**Miriam Castorina (University of Florence)**

*Unread Memories: Chinese Travel Narratives about Italy throughout the Centuries*

10:20AM-  
10:40AM

**Gaoheng Zhang (University of British Columbia)**

*What does 'Italian Cuisine' Mean in China: A Media and Cultural Studies Approach*

10:40AM-  
11:00AM

**Duane Corpis (NYU Shanghai)**

*Foreign Soundscapes: German Travelers in the Mediterranean and Indian Ocean*

11:00AM-  
11:20AM

**Masha Kirasirova (NYU Abu Dhabi)**

*Niriddin Mukhitdinov: A Soviet Central Asian Mediator in the Middle East*

11:20AM-  
12:00PM

Discussion

Lunch

12:00PM-1:30PM

## Panel 4: Safavids and Ottomans between Europe and Asia

Chair: Marcella Simoni (Ca'Foscari University)

1:30PM-  
1:50PM

**Mahnaz Yousefzadeh (NYU)**

*Florence and the Persianate World in Global Early Modernity*

1:50PM-  
2:10PM

**Larry Wolff (NYU/NYU Florence)**

*Ottoman Turks on the Operatic Mediterranean*

2:10PM-  
2:30PM

**Ayşe Baltacıoğlu-Brammer (NYU)**

*Exiling Heresy to Cyprus: Ottoman Qizilbash and the Population Policies of the State*

2:30PM-  
3:00PM

Discussion

## Panel 5: Contemporary Eurasian Connections

Chair: Philippe Le Corre (Asia Society Policy Institute)

- 3:00PM-  
3:20PM **Davide Orazio Lombardo** (NYU Florence)  
*"The Kitten and the Six-Feeted" and Other Marvelous Stories from Underground: Enrico Mattei's Inter-national Strategy for Energy and Natural Resources, Imperialism, and Cold War*
- 3:20PM-  
3:40PM **Stephen Gross** (NYU)  
*The Rise and the Risks of Eurasian Natural Gas Links: 1990-2015*
- 3:40PM-  
4:00PM **Maria Adele Carrai** (NYU Shanghai)  
*China's Belt and Road Initiative and Its Connecting Strategy in the Mediterranean*
- 4:00PM-  
4:20PM **Yifei Li** (NYU Shanghai)  
*Eurasia with Chinese Characteristics: Cultural and Scientific Appropriation in Belt and Road Tourism and Archaeology*
- 4:20PM-  
5:00PM **Discussion**
- 5:00PM-  
5:30PM **Coffee/Tea**

6:00PM-  
7:30PM

## Keynote Address 2

**Joanna Waley-Cohen** (NYU Shanghai)  
*Sharing Beauty: China in Italy in Premodern Times*

Chair: Larry Wolff (NYU/NYU Florence)

8:00PM-  
9:15PM **Cocktail Reception**

## List of Participants

Ayşe Baltacıoğlu-Brammer, NYU  
Pia Brancaccio, Drexel University  
Maria Adele Carrai, NYU Shanghai  
Miriam Castorina, University of Florence  
Duane Corpis, NYU Shanghai  
Nicola Di Cosmo, Institute for Advanced Study  
Nelida Fuccaro, NYU Abu Dhabi  
Toral Jatin Gajarawala, NYU Abu Dhabi  
Stephen Gross, NYU  
Masha Kirasirova, NYU Abu Dhabi  
Hyounghee Kong, NYU Shanghai  
Philippe Le Corre, Asia Society Policy Institute

Yifei Li, NYU Shanghai  
Davide Lombardo, NYU Florence  
David Ludden, NYU  
Tansen Sen, NYU Shanghai  
Marcella Simoni, Ca'Foscari University  
Norman Underwood, Florida State University-Panama City  
Joanna Waley-Cohen, NYU Shanghai  
Larry Wolff, NYU/NYU Florence  
Mahnaz Yousefzadeh, NYU Abu Dhabi  
Gaoheng Zhang, University of British Columbia  
Helena Kolenda, Henry Luce Foundation