

ORIENTAL STUDIES AND RESEARCH (NOT ONLY) IN CENTRAL EUROPE

A conference organized to mark the centenary
of the Prague Oriental Institute

5-7 September 2022, Prague, Czechia

**DAY 1 – Monday, 5 September – The main building of the Czech Academy
of Sciences, Hall 206, Národní 3, Praha 1**

13:00 Opening ceremony and welcome remarks

13:30-15:00 Session 1: *Orientalist Events – Exhibitions, Collections, and Conferences*

Chair: Jakub Hrubý

Markéta Hánová – A Path to the East: The Oriental Institute as a Promoter of Asian Art and Cultural Politics

Olga Lomová – The Oriental Institute after World War II as a Laboratory of New Ways of Doing Research

Gabriel Pirický – Celebrating Twenty Years of the International Vámbéry Conference in Slovakia

15:00–17:00 Guided tour of the exhibition *Czechoslovakia in the Orient, the Orient in Czechoslovakia*, refreshments and informal discussion

DAY 2 – Tuesday, 6 September – Villa Lanna, Praha 6

9:00-10:30 Session 2: *The Development of Near and Middle Eastern Studies*

Chair: Hana Navrátilová

Šárka Velhartická – The Establishment of Czechoslovak Ancient Near Eastern Studies

Luděk Vacín – Josef Klíma and Czech Assyriology

Barış Yılmaz – Hungarian Turkology Tradition and Altaic Studies Department at the University of Szeged

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 Session 3: Arts and the Orient

Chair: Markéta Hánová

Grzegorz First – Searching for New Light and Histories. Artistic Voyages to the Orient as a Source of Knowledge and Inspiration in Art.

Mary Kelly – Socio-Political Signifiers and Orientalist Aesthetics: European Women Artists' Rendering of Objects and Figures in Space

Vesna Kamin Kajfež – Josef Schwegel, the Organizer and Curator of the Oriental Pavilion at the Vienna International Exhibition in 1873

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Session 4: Orientalists' Correspondence – Databases

Chair: Adéla Jůnová Macková

Ronald Ruzicka and Petra Aigner – All about Eduard Glaser – Glaser Virtual World (GlaViWo)

Adéla Jůnová Macková – Science Policy and Oriental Studies in Interwar Czechoslovakia – the Database of Alois Musil's Correspondence

Hana Navrátilová – Challenges of Correspondence: Jaroslav Černý in the Griffith Institute Archive

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 Session 5: Southeast Asia within Oriental Studies in Europe: Concepts, Scholars, Collections

Chair: Miroslav Nožina

Martin Slama – Heine-Geldern and Southeast Asian Concepts of Power: The Birth and Life of a Research Tradition

Tomáš Petrů – Key Researchers of Indonesian Studies at the Oriental Institute: Miroslav Oplít and Rudolf Mrázek

Awang Azman Awang Pawi – The Malay Manuscripts' Acquisition in the Era of Empire in Great Britain and the Netherlands

18:00 Dinner/reception – Villa Lanna

DAY 3 – Wednesday, 7 September – Villa Lanna

9:00-10:30 Session 6: *Tibetan Studies*

Chair: Jarmila Ptáčková

Luboš Bělka – An Update of the Visual Reconstruction of the Most Sacred Space in Tibet: Jokhang through the Eyes of the First Czechoslovak Visitors

Rachael M. Griffiths and Daniel Wojahn – The Development of a Discipline: Tibetan Studies in Europe

Jana Valtrová – Perspectives on Tibetan Buddhism in the works of Vincenc Lesný (1882–1953)

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 Session 7: *Various Orientalist Discourses*

Chair: Tomáš Petru

Martin Hříbek – Indo-Czech Entanglements in 1918–1938: the Indian Perspective

Majid Bahrevar – Mapping Jan Rypka's Stay and Activities in Iran, 1934–1935

Lukáš Větrovec – Othering Bosniaks. Shades of Orientalism towards Balkan Muslims

12:30-12:45 Closing remarks

12:45-14:00 Farewell lunch

A note for the speakers:

There is a **20-minute slot** for each paper presentation (a PowerPoint presentation is recommended), followed by a 10-minute discussion. Please, have your flash disc/memory stick ready.

A note for the public attending the conference:

The **public** and **non-presenting academics** alike are **cordially invited** to attend the conference, there is no conference fee. For logistical reasons, we kindly ask you to register with Tomáš Petru, petru@orient.cas.cz by 31 August.

Non-presenting participants are also invited to attend the dinner reception at Villa Lanna on the evening of 6 September. The fee is 500,- CZK. For more details and to register, please write to Dr. Petru (petru@orient.cas.cz) by 31 August.