



Eurasian Empires Conference – Programme

Wednesday 15 June, 14.30h – Friday 17 June, 19.00h

Gravensteen, Pieterskerkhof 6, Leiden.

Wednesday 15 June

14.30-15.00: Registration and coffee

15.00-15.15: Opening

15.15-17.00:

1. METHODOLOGY, THEORY, APPROACHES

Chair: Jeroen Duindam

- **Peter Burschel**, 'How to write a global history of early modern diplomacy?'
- **Nancy Kollmann**, 'Russia as Eurasian Empire: The Constraints of the Concept'

17.00-17.15: Tea

17.15-18.15: Keynote lecture: **Gülrü Necipoglu**, 'Transregional Connections: Architecture and the Construction of Early Modern Islamic Empires'

18.15-19.00: Drinks

19.00-21.30: Indonesian dinner buffet (location: 'Arsenaal',
Arsenaalstraat 1, Leiden)

Thursday 16 June

9.00-13.15:

2. DYNASTIC CHANGE AND LEGITIMACY

Chair: Olivier Hekster

- **Cemal Kafadar**, 'Competitive Unigeniture: The First Three Centuries of Ottoman Dynastic Succession in Comparison'
- **Lennart Bes & Liesbeth Geevers**, 'Collateral damage: Eurasian rulers, collateral branches and dynastic continuity, 1500-1800'
- **Marie Favereau & Ilya Afanasyev**, 'Deconstructing "Dynasty": Lineage, Family and the Politics of Succession in the Golden Horde and Central Europe'

10.45-11.00 Coffee

- **Jérôme Kerlouégan**, 'A Lingering Debate in Sixteenth and early Seventeenth-Century China: the Reform of the Imperial Clan'
- **Nicola Di Cosmo**, 'Political 'Know-How' and Eurasian Empires: Sovereignty and Community in the Construction of Manchu Power'
- **Cumhur Bekar**, 'Reconfiguring legitimacy under the Köprülü viziers: the balance between Mehmed IV and Fazıl Ahmed Pasha'

13.15-14.15: Lunch (at Gravensteen)

14.15-16.30:

3. PEOPLE OF THE PEN

Chair: Maaïke van Berkel

- **Hilde De Weerdt**, 'Political Communication and Literati Self-Representation in Song China'
- **Malika Dekkiche**, 'Serving the Empire: Nature and Function of the Pen'
- **Robert Stein**, 'Disciplined and connected. Auditors and accountability as bonding agents of a monarchy?'

16.30-16.45: Tea

16.45-17.45: Round table session with Jeroen Duindam, Walter Pohl, Petra Sijpesteijn, Jo Van Steenbergen, and Hilde De Weerdt

18.00-19.00: Boat trip with drinks

19.15-22.00: Dinner at Gaanderij (Nieuwstraat 32, Leiden)

Friday 17 June

9.00-12.45:

4. PEOPLE OF THE SWORD (MILITARY COHESION AT THE EURASIAN FRINGE)

Chair: Jos Gommans

- **Barend Noordam**, 'The Global and the Local of a Technologically Entangled Process of Military Innovation – The Curious Parallels between Sixteenth-Century Dutch and Chinese Army Reforms'
- **David Parrott**, 'Interest, *fidelité* and service in early modern European armies: A case study of army officers serving Cardinal Mazarin and the Prince de Condé during and after the *Fronde*, 1648-1659'
- **Reuven Amitai**, 'The Early Mamluk Sultanate: From Egyptian Junta to Muslim Empire'

10.45-11.00 Coffee

- **Remco Breuker**, 'Warband Cohesion in Thirteenth Century Korea: Northeast Asian Influences on Sinitic Military Models'
- **Walter Pohl**, 'The Cohesion of Warbands in Early Medieval Europe – Comparative Perspectives'

12.45-14.15: Lunch at Hortus Botanicus (Rapenburg 73, Leiden)

14.15-16.30:

5. GENDER AND POWER

Chair: Peter Rietbergen

- **Serena Ferente**, 'Naturales dominae: female rulers, male consorts, and dynastic memory in 14th- and 15th-century Europe'
- **Richard van Leeuwen**, 'Curse or blessing? Women and fictional narratives of kingship in Eurasia (1300-1800)'
- **Luk Yu-ping**, 'Hougong and harem: A Comparison of the Women's Quarters of the Forbidden City in Ming China and the Topkapi Palace of the Ottoman Empire'

16.30-16.45: Tea

16.45-17.45: Keynote lecture: **Nicola Di Cosmo**, 'Climate and Eurasian Empires: What to Make of Proxy Data and their Historical Relevance'

17.45-18.00: Final remarks

18.00-19.00: Drinks

19.00-22.30: Dinner at Prentenkabinet (Kloksteeg 25, Leiden)

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