

What Is Asia?

The Inaugural Conference of the USC Asian Studies Group (GEAS-Silkway)

23-24 October 2023

Sala de Xuntas

Faculty of Philosophy, University of Santiago de Compostela, SPAIN

FINAL PROGRAMME

Monday, October 23

9:30-10:00. Conference Opening

10:00-11:30. **PLENARY LECTURE. Valerià Paül Carril (USC): “Asia in Geography”**

11:30-12:00. Coffee break

12:00-13:30. **PANEL 1: CHINA & KAZAKHSTAN**

Duman Aitmagambetov (Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan). “How Kazakhstan Survived the Famine of 1921-1922”

Mara Sh. Gubaidullina (Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Almaty, Kazakhstan) and **Saniya Nurdavletova (L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University).** “‘Western China – Western Europe’ in the Focus of the EU Strategy for Central Asia”

Junyu Huang (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona). “Representation of Chinese Immigrant Families in Spanish Literature”

13:30-15:30. Lunch break

15:30-17:00. **PLENARY LECTURE. José Virgilio García Trabazo (USC): “The Languages of Asia”**

17:00-17:30. Coffee break

17:30-19:00. **PANEL 2: SOUTH KOREA 1**

Paul Y. Chang (Harvard University). “Reinventing Family: Household Diversification and the Making of Modern South Korea”

Taeha An (Yale University). “Asian as an Ideological Subject: A Korean Perspective on Interpellated “Asiannes”

Marla Arbach (Université du Québec en Outaouais). “Fusion Sageuks as a Voice for Social Change: A Study of 100 Days My Prince, Under the Queen’s Umbrella and The Forbidden Marriage”

20:30. Conference Dinner: *Arco de Mazarelos Restaurant*

Tuesday, October 24

9:30-11:00. **PLENARY LECTURE. Jacob Copeman (USC): "What is (South) Asian Religion?"**

11:00-11:30. Coffee break

11:30-13:00. **PANEL 3: THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT**

Priyam Saika (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi). *"Cultural Similarities between Northeast India and South East Asia"*

Tanusree Ghosh (The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India). *"Stories and Individual Psyche: Allure of Tales in Living Texts (smrti) in India"*

Kanika Bhalla (Guru Kashi University, Bathinda, India). *"Colonial Interventions in the Orient: Understanding Gender Politics in the Punjabi Folktale in Translation"*

13:00-14:00. **PANEL 4: SOUTH KOREA 2**

Vadim Akulenko (Chung-Ang University, South Korea). *"Emergence, Growth, and Transformation: The Russophone Korean Ethnic Enclaves in South Korea"*

Victoria Ten (Independent Scholar, London). *"New Age in South Korea: Ki Suryŏn as a Contemporary Phenomenon"*

14:00-16:00: Lunch break

16:00-17:30. **PANEL 5: EAST AND/IN WEST 1**

Santosh Kumar Ranjan (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi). *"Universalizing anti-imperialism in East: In the Spirit of British-India Intellectuals' writings"*

Aditi Basu (Independent Scholar, India). *"Re-Structuring' Indo-UK Ties through Cultural Encounters in the Twenty-First Century"*

Amit Ranjan (National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi). *"John Lang: Pioneer of the Hybrid, and Jeerer of the High Breed"*

17:30-18:00. Coffee break

18:00-19:30. **PANEL 6: EAST AND/IN WEST 2**

Rocío Riestra-Camacho and Vanesa Menéndez Cuesta (University of Oviedo - Alfonso X The Wise University). *"A Yankee Vampire in Tokyo: US-Japanese Narrative Interplays through the Anorexic Vamp Trope"*

Parisa Delshad (Universidad de Valladolid). *"Reimagining Home Pluralized Continentalism and the Iranian Diaspora's Perspective on Asia"*

Cristina Naranjo Lobato (Universidad de Málaga) *"Postmemory and War: The Analysis of Transgenerational Memory in East and West"*

19:30-19:45. Closing Remarks

19:45-20:45. SILKWAY Board of Directors Meeting