

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

*Rethinking Global Histories for the Present: The Overland and Maritime
Silk Roads in Central Eurasia and the Indian Ocean*

**Nafi Baba Building, Boğaziçi University
28–30 April, 2017**

Asian Studies Center, Boğaziçi University & Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul

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Conveners

Selçuk Esenbel & Birgit Schlyter

FRIDAY, 28 April

18:00

Opening: Words of welcome by Selçuk Esenbel

18:30-19:30

Huricihan İslamoğlu

Keynote speech: **Why Global History?**

19:30-21:00

Reception

Kennedy Lodge

SATURDAY, 29 April

Chair: Birgit Schlyter

9:30-10:15

Susan Whitfield

Special Lecture: **Is the Silk Road Global?: UNESCO, OBOR and Modern Scholarship**

Q&A 10:15-10:30

Coffee break 10.30-10.45

Chair: Oğuz Baykara

10:45-11:15

Håkan Wahlquist

The “Silk Road” – Invented and Reinvented: On the Growth of the Concept and on a Missing Link in this Development

11:15-11:45

Chen Hao

Comparative Research on Old Turkic Inscriptions and Chinese Sources: A Case Study on the Beş Balık Battle in 713/714 AD

Q&A 11:45-12:00

Chair: Selçuk Esenbel

12:00-12:30

Mehmet Ölmez

What does the Old Uighur Xuanzang Biography Teach about Turks?

12:30-13:00

İsenbike Togan

Tomb Culture as a Connecting Link Along the Silk Road

Q&A 13:00 – 13:15

Lunch 13:15-14:30

Chair: İsenbike Togan

14:30-15:00

Selçuk Esenbel

Japan on the Silk Road: The Yoshida Mission to Persia 1880–1881

15:00-15:30

Kiraz Perinçek Karavit

White Horse Sacrifice through Central Asian and Chinese Traditions as Shown by Mehmed Siyah Kalem Paintings

15:30-16.00

Kazım Abdullayev

The Great Silk Road as Indicator of Cultural Interaction in Antiquity

Q&A / Coffee break 16:00-16:15

Chair: Miriya Malik

16:15-16:45

Patrick Hällzon

Imagining Kashgar – “We’ve been there before”: Missionary Material from the Silk Road in Swedish Archives and Museums

16:45-17:15

Oğuz Baykara

Translation practices on the Silk Road: Akutagawa Ryunosuke’s “Toshishun”

Q&A 17:15-17:30

SATURDAY EVENING

Visit to the Swedish Research Institute

19.30

Therese Hydén, Åke Peterson, Birgit Schlyter

Book Launch: *Kashgar Revisited: Uyghur Studies in Memory of Ambassador Gunnar Jarring* (Brill 2017)

20:00-21.30

Reception

SUNDAY, 30 April

Chair: Giray Sadik

10:00-10.30

Zaur Gasimov

Ayriliq. An Entangled History of a Song Across the Middle East

10:30-11:00

Edgar Melgar

Positivism under Empire: Reading Auguste Comte in Indochina, Algeria, and India

Q&A: 11:00-11:15

Coffee break: 11:15-11:30

Chair: Åke Peterson

11:30-12:00

Umut Uzer

Nostalgia for the Ottoman Empire: Neo-Ottomanist approaches to Turkish politics

12:00-12:30

Kıvanç Ulusoy

The Cyprus Conflict and Eastern Mediterranean Geopolitics

Q&A 12:30:12:45

Lunch 12:45-13:45

Chair: Susan Whitfield

13:45-14:15

Dipak Malik

Journeys over Land and Sea in the 21st Century: Asian Trade, Power and Ideology

14:15-14:45

Giray Fidan

Hu Hanmin's visit to Republican Turkey: A Quest for a Way Out

Q&A 14:45-15:00

Chair: Asım Karaömerlioğlu

15:00-15:30

Joakim Enwall

The Use of History to Legitimise the Present-Day Territory of the People's Republic of China

15:30-16:00

Giray Sadık

NATO and SCO in Eurasia: Imperial Rivalry or Competing Spheres of Influence?

16:00-17:00

Concluding Remarks