

CALL FOR PAPERS

The call for papers for the international conference organized by the Department of Asian Studies of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb, and the Department of Oriental Studies of the Croatian Philological Society

Asia in Context: Asia and Languages

October 18th 2024

Library of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb,
conference hall (2nd floor), Ivana Lučića 3, 10 000 Zagreb

Organizers:

Department of Asian Studies of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb, and
Department of Oriental Studies of the Croatian Philological Society

Dear colleagues,

in honor of the 80th birthday of the professor of Indology in Zagreb, prof. Zdravka Matišić, and in the celebration of starting the full-fledged studies of Sinology and Japanology, the Department of Asian Studies and the Department of Oriental Studies of the Croatian Philological Society invite you to join the international conference on October 18, 2024, either as listeners and/or as presenters. The main focus of the conference is languages in Asia. The program committee invites everyone who deals with Asia (Indology, Sinology, Japanology, Iranian studies, Turkology, Arabic studies, Hebrew studies and other orientalist disciplines) and languages/languages in Asia and who could contribute to this conference with their work in the form of scientific or professional work.

Keynote speaker:

Mislav Ježić, a fellow of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts

Frameworks within which one can reflect on the topic of languages in Asia:

The aim of the conference Asia in Context is to reflect on languages in Asian context(s) and Asian languages in non-Asian contexts. Language is a tool of everyday communication, as well as a tool of human activity (philosophy, literature, science, etc.). We would like to encourage researchers to think and explore the topic of language(s) in Asia from different perspectives, such as linguists, philologists, translators, etc. Some of the possible topics, but not the only ones, are:

a) The importance of teaching and studying Asian languages in non-Asian contexts. Which Asian languages are taught and why? The importance and meaning of different formats of Asian studies in the contemporary world and throughout history.

b) Language/languages of Asian literatures - linguistic characteristics of literary texts yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Influences of non-Asian literature(s) on literature written in Asian languages? What are the most read Asian literary works today compared to yesterday? Classics of Asian literature in a contemporary context?

c) Teaching non-Asian languages in an Asian context? What does it mean to teach a foreign language to speakers of Asian languages?

d) Philosophical discussions about languages in the Asian context. What are the key philosophical-linguistic turmoils throughout history and/or today in Asia?

e) Global changes in the labor market, as well as global political changes, lead to new power relations between different languages. What do such changes bring for Asian languages and their speakers? Are the results (consequences) the same for all languages? Power relations between different Asian languages in different language communities?

Submissions:

Interested participants are requested to send their abstract proposal for the presentation (20-minute presentation + 10-minute discussion) by e-mail to the address: asiaincontext@gmail.com. The abstract should be sent in English. The recommended length of the abstract is up to 400 words, including a selection of references and 5 keywords. Abstracts will be evaluated anonymously by two reviewers, so please avoid any self-identification in the body of the abstract.

Participation:

By July 1st, 2024 at the latest, all authors will be notified about the acceptance of abstracts. Authors can participate in person in Zagreb. For those participants who are prevented from participating in person in Zagreb, the possibility of an online presentation can also be considered.

Publication of Proceedings:

All accepted papers will be published in the Proceedings by the Croatian Philological Society in the edition of *Bibliotheca Orientalica* of the Department of Oriental Studies. The Proceedings will also include a selection of works by Prof. Zdravka Matišić.

Important dates:

Abstract submission deadline: 1 June 2024.

Notification of acceptance/rejection: 1 July 2024.

Sending articles for publication: 1 October 2024.

Conference: 18 October 2024.

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