

**5th Baltic Alliance for Asian Studies Conference – Asia in Transition /  
Tradition as the Source of Change, Tallinn University, Estonia, 23rd–25th  
September 2022**

**23.09. (Friday)**

9:00–10:00            Registration

10:00–11:00            **OPENING AND KEYNOTE SPEECH - room M-225:**

**Rein Raud** (Tallinn University) “East Asian languages as vehicles of philosophical expression”

11:00–13:00            PANELS I

1) **RELIGION I - room M-648** : moderator Margus Ott (Tallinn University)

**Buddhism**

**Tadas Snuviškis** (Lithuanian Culture Research Institute), “Vaiśeṣika Philosophy in Kuījī’s commentary on *Nyāyapraveśa*”

**Giedraitis Gediminas** (Eötvös Loránd University), “Exposition of Emptiness in the Sixth Century China: A Case Study of the Treatise on Eighteen Kinds of Emptiness (*Shiba kong lun* 十八空論)”

**Buddhism and Women**

**Mirella Keller** (Eötvös Loránd University), “Becoming a Nun in the Seventeenth Century China – A Case Study of Yikui Chaochen 一揆超琛 (1625–1679)”

**Joanna Gruszewska and Jacek Skup** (Jagiellonian University), “Buddhism as a Source of Change in the Status of Women in the Writings of B.R. Ambedkar”

2) **RHETORIC I - room M-649**: moderator Alice Volkonski (Tallinn University)

**Panel: Arabic Eloquence: Orations and Messages of the Islamic World**

**Sandra Peets** (Tallinn University), “From Islamists to nationalists: the reach of Roland Meynet’s method based on Mohammed Reza Shah’s speech”

**Helen Geršman** (Tallinn University), “Different Versions of Quss ibn Sā’ida’s Famous Pre-Islamic Sermon: A Rhetorical Analysis”

13:00–13:50            Lunch Break - **Mare 3rd floor atrium**

13:50–15:50

PANELS II

- 1) **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND POLITICS** (one presenter online) - **room M-648**: moderator Kristo Nurmis (Tallinn University)

**Panel: Historical Lithuania-Korea ties: from first contacts to reflection of history**

**Linus Didvalis** (Vytautas Magnus University), “Lithuania encounters Korea: first references and contacts during the late 19th and early 20th century”

**ONLINE Karolė Miuller** (Vytautas Magnus University), “Comprehensive analysis of the outlines for history teaching in high schools in Lithuania and S. Korea”

**Arvydas Kumpis** (Vytautas Magnus University), “Lithuanians in Korean War: testimonies and images”

- 2) **ANTHROPOLOGY, ETHNOGRAPHY AND IDENTITY STUDIES: IDENTITY STUDIES** - **room M-649**: moderator Helen Geršman (Tallinn University)

**Michael Strmiska** (SUNY-Orange) & **Alina Nidagundi** (University of Latvia and Riga Technical University), “Traditions and Change: South-Asian Students in Latvia”

**Kristina Luna Dolinina** (Vilnius University), “In Search of Identity: Between Traditional and Contemporary Trends in North Indian Dance Kathak”

**ONLINE Kristina Barancovaitė-Sindaravičienė** (Vytautas Magnus University), “Beauty Work and Masculinity: Analysis of Beauty Product Tendencies in Present Japan”

15:50-16:15

Coffee Break - **Mare 3rd floor atrium**

16:15–18:00

PANELS III

- 1) **RHETORIC II** - **room M-648**: moderator Sandra Peets (Tallinn University)

**Kristina Saad** (Tallinn University), “*Zakāt* as a Propaganda Tool in the ISIS “caliphate” – A Content Analysis of Dabiq Magazine”

**Gabija Vosyliūtė** (Vilnius University), “‘Love jihad’ and inter-faith marriage in India”

- 2) **PHILOSOPHY AND CONCEPTUAL HISTORY**, **room M-649**: moderator Lisa Indraccolo (Tallinn University)

**Margus Ott** (Tallinn University), “Asian Transformation”

**Agita Baltgalve** (University of Latvia), “The Earliest Chinese Notions of Change (*Yi* 易) in Commentaries of the „Ten Wings” to the ‘Book of Change’

**Audrius Beinorius** (Vilnius University), “‘Malleable Fixity’: On Destiny, Agency and Indian Astrologers”

**Samira Müller** (University of Zurich), “From elevated ritual slippers to stylish hiking shoes – a philological study on the development of footwear in early China”

**3) ANTHROPOLOGY, ETHNOGRAPHY AND IDENTITY STUDIES:  
ANTHROPOLOGY AND ETHNOGRAPHY, room M-225:** moderator Carlo  
Cubero Irizarry (Tallinn University)

**Kristina Garalytė** (Vilnius University), “Theorizing and contextualising social suffering: Dalit perspective”

**Linas Tavaras** (Vilnius University), “Legal Opium Farming in India: Historical and ethnographic perspective”

**Georgijs Dunajevs** (University of Würzburg / National Library of Latvia), “Ethnographer or Spy? A Russian Student’s Journeys in Inner Mongolia and Western China as Seen from an Archival Collection”

## **24.09. (Saturday)**

9:00–11:00            PANELS I

**1) CHINESE POLITICS I - room M-225**

**Confucianism and Politics:** moderator Lisa Indraccolo (Tallinn University)

**Zlotea Mugur** (University of Bucharest), “Talking about Tradition in the Correct Way”

**Märt Läänemets** (The Estonian Academy of Security Sciences), “Confucian Tenets in Communist Rhetoric: How China’s Policymakers Persuade the World”

**ONLINE Giedrė Svirbutaitė-Krutkienė** (Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania), “The Influence of Confucianism on the Development of the Welfare State: The Case of East Asia”

**2) AESTHETICS, ARTS AND MATERIAL CULTURE** (one presenter online) -  
**room M-648:** moderator Imar Koutchoukali (University of Tartu)

**Agnese Haijima** (University of Latvia), “Raku School: Contemporary Interpretations in Ceramics, Design, Architecture and Sculpture”

**ONLINE Athina Gerochristou** (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)  
“Transitions within the Halaf? Observing Transitions through Burial Customs”

3) **MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE - room M-649**: moderator  
Alari Allik (Tallinn University)

**Vivek Kumar Shukla** (Aarhus University), “Revisiting India’s Partition in our times: from Past to present in women’s writings in Hindi”

**Deimantas Valančiūnas** (Vilnius University), “The Traumatic Legacy of Sri Lankan Civil War in Sri Lankan Diasporic Literature: The Case of Nayomi Munaweera”

**ONLINE Lora Tamošiūnienė** (Mykolas Romeris University), “Translation Fiction from Korean into Lithuanian”

11:00-11:30 **POSTER PRESENTATION**: moderator **Leslie Leino** (Tallinn University), Coffee Break - **Mare 3rd floor atrium**

11:30–12:30 **KEYNOTE SPEECH II - room M-225**:  
**Julie Chen (University of Helsinki)** “China’s Rise in Central Asia”

12:30-13:15 Lunch Break - **Mare 3rd floor atrium**

13:15–15:30 **PANELS II**

1) **HISTORICAL NARRATIVES AND GLOBAL POLITICS: MEDIA STUDIES - room M-648**: moderator Margit Juurikas

**Sean O’Reilly** (Akita International University), “Empire’s Last Gasp: postwar audiovisual depictions of Hokkaido in Japan”

**Ene Selart** (University of Tartu), “The Soviet media coverage of war with Japan in Estonian newspapers in 1945”

**Alevtina Solovyeva** (University of Tartu), “Reawakening Spirits in Post-Socialist Mongolia: Vernacular Theories and Practices”

**Alari Allik** (Tallinn University), “Soviet Censorship and Translations of Kōbō Abe’s „Inter Ice Age 4“ by A. Strugatsky and A. Sisask”

2) **CHINESE POLITICS II - room M-649** : moderator Lisa Indraccolo (Tallinn University)

**Jasper Roctus** (Ghent University), “Sun Yat-sen: A Cantonese Revolutionary under a Global Context”

**Konstantinas Andrijauskas** (Vilnius University), “Connectivity, Critical Infrastructure and Political Stability in Hong Kong: Physical Integration vs. Popular Resistance”

**Tabea Muehlbach** (Freiburg University), “Transition Completed, but What About Justice? Assessing the Status Quo of Taiwan’s Long Coming to Terms with the Past”

**Simona Kumpė** (Vytautas Magnus University), “Transition in Lithuania – China relations in the light of the newly opened Taiwanese Representative Office in Vilnius: media content analysis”

16:00-18:00            BAAS's board meeting - **room M-225**

19:00                    Welcome Reception - **Mare 3rd floor atrium**

## **25.09. (Sunday)**

09:30–11:15            PANELS I

- 1) **PREMODERN LITERATURE I** (two presenters online) - **room M-648**: moderator Helen Geršman (Tallinn University)

### **Ancient Near East and Middle East**

**Sevda Özden** (Tallinn University), “Mscr 105: The Lost Copy of Turkish Literature Found in Estonia”

**ONLINE Vladimir Sazonov** (University of Tartu/Estonian Military Academy)

“Historical kings in the Sumerian King List (SKL) and Tummal inscription: One or two different traditions?”

**ONLINE Seyed Abazar Shobairi** (Institute of Historical Research, Athens)

“From East to West: New Insights into the Iconography of Persians in Attic Vases-Painting”

- 2) **PREMODERN LITERATURE II - room M-649**: moderator Alari Allik (Tallinn University)

**Tero Tähtinen** (Tampere University), “Sitting as a Mode of Meditative Transcendence in Tang Poetry”

**Mart Tšernjuk** (University of Tartu), “The Importance of the Seven Sages of the Bamboo Grove in Early Medieval China”

**Adam Bednarczyk** (Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun), "Plant Metaphors Related to Astronomy in *Kaidōki*"

**3) RELIGION II - room M-225:** moderator Imar Koutchoukali (University of Tartu)

**Balys Astrauskas** (Vilnius University), “Chinese Ancestor Worship Beliefs and Practices Within the Framework of Naïve Dialecticism”

**Ina Kiseliova-El Marassy** (Lithuanian Culture Research Institute), “Lithuanian Traditionalist Algis Uždavinys: on the Transmission of Sufism in Eastern Europe”

11:30–11:45            Coffee Break

11:45–13:30            PANELS II

**1) PREMODERN LITERATURE III - room M-225:** moderator Margus Ott

**Panel: The Strange and the Supernatural: Ghosts, Spirits, and Demons in East Asian Literatures**

**Lisa Indraccolo** (Tallinn University), “The Rhetoric of Supernatural Encounters – Debates Between Humans and Ghosts in Early and Early Medieval Chinese Literature”

**Jekaterina Koort** (Tallinn University), “Reconstructing other-worldliness in Gan Bao’s tales of the supernatural”

**Maret Nukke** (Tallinn University), “Fox as a God or Demon: Two portrayals of fox in medieval *nō* theatre”

**2) ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES - room M-649:** moderator Imar Koutchoukali (University of Tartu)

**Ali Razmkhah** (Ca’ Foscari University of Venice), “The Biocultural Rights of Pastoral Nomads and Nature Conservation in the Anthropocene Epoch; A Report From Iran”

**Taru Salmenkari** (University of Helsinki), “Social Omissions on Chinese Environmental NGO Agendas: Knowledge production that silences”

**3) HISTORICAL NARRATIVES AND GLOBAL POLITICS - room M-648**

**Jing Guo** (University of Tartu), “The Effects of the Belt and Road Initiative on Historical Narratives of the Ancient Silk Road: A Study of China’s Academic Articles”

**Ewa Trojnar** (Jagiellonian University in Kraków), “Health diplomacy during SARS-CoV-2 pandemic: Chinese vs. Taiwanese narratives”

**Song Jiabin** (Vytautas Magnus University), “Why the bandwagoning with the United States is remaining the only feasible grand strategy for Japan in the 21st Century? An analysis of Japan’s geopolitical setting under a structural realist perspective”

**Maciej Pletnia** (Jagiellonian University in Kraków), “Japanese health diplomacy during the pandemic as part of 'free and open Indo-Pacific' strategy”

13:45–14:15            Closing Addresses - **room M-225**

14:30–15.30            Concluding Lunch - **Mare 3rd floor atrium**

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