



## RESEARCH CONFERENCES

ESF-JSPS Frontier Science Conference Series for  
Young Researchers

# Contact Zones of Empires in Asia and Europe: Complexity, Causality and Contingency

Accommodation: Sea Hawk Hotel, Fukuoka • Japan  
Venue: Centennial Hall, Kyushu University, Fukuoka • Japan

27 February – 04 March 2010

Chairs: **Lise Hannestad**, University of Aarhus, DK,  
**Tadashi Nishitani**, Kyushu Historical Museum/ Kyushu University, JP

Co-Chairs: **Rüdiger Klein**, European Federation of National  
Academies of Sciences and Humanities (ALLEA), NL  
**Koji Mizoguchi**, Kyushu University, JP

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# Final Programme

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## Saturday 27 February

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Late afternoon / early evening	Registration at the ESF-RC desk
19.00	Welcome Drink
20.00	Supper

## Sunday 28 February

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08.45-09.00	Official Conference Opening by representatives of ESF and JSPS and of Kyushu University <b>Raymond Brulet</b> – ESF Representative Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium <b>XYZ ?</b>
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### Session 1: *Empires and their peripheries: interactions, interdependences and transformations*

#### Chair: Name, Affiliation

09.00-09.45 Conference Chairs	<b>Lise Hannestad</b> University of Aarhus, Denmark <b>Koji Mizoguchi</b> Kyushu University, Japan  <i>Contact Zones of Empires in Asia and Europe: Complexity, Causality and Contingency (Purpose and Objectives of the Conference)</i>
09.45-10.30	<b>Tadashi Nishitani</b> Kyushu Historical Museum/ Kyushu University, Japan <i>Keynote Lecture</i>
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-11.45	<b>Andreas Mehl</b> University of Halle <i>The Seleucid Empire: an ancient polyethnic empire with different peripheries</i>
11.45-12.30	<b>Kazuo Miyamoto</b> Kyushu University, Japan <i>Lecture</i>
12.30	Lunch
14.00-14.45	<b>Mayke Wagner</b> DAI, Eurasienabteilung, Berlin <i>The Khotan Oasis 2000 years ago - A Place where Empires met</i>

## Session 2: *Ethnic identities, language, population movements and social mobility*

Chair: Name, Affiliation

14.45-15.30

Hiroki Oota

Tokyo University, Japan

*Lecture*

15.30-16.15

Nicholas Sims-Williams

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK

*The Sogdian inscriptions of Kultobe: a new source for the history of the Kangju confederation and the northern nomads*

16.15-16.30

Coffee break

16.30-17.15

Carmen Alfaro

University of Valencia, Spain

*To be of "blue blood". Imperial Power and Royal Purple colour in contact zone of the Eastern Mediterranean Sea*

17.15-18.00

Young Scholar Presentations

Ralf Bockmann

Landesamt fuer Denkmalpflege und Archaeologie Sachsen-Anhalt, Germany

*A new morning, changing weather? The development of a central North African region between Roman, Vandal, Byzantine and Arabic rule*

Sarah Cappel

Universität Heidelberg, Germany

*Emulating Near Eastern imperial practice? The emergence of sealing administration in Minoan Crete and the Oriental nexus*

Johan Elverskog

Southern Methodist University, USA

*An Anarchist History of the Silk Road*

**one more presentation of 10 min.**

19.00

Dinner

20.30-22.00

Young Scholar Presentations

Kirill Dmitriev

Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

*Arabia between Byzantium and Persia: new approaches towards the study of the early Arabic culture in the context of Late Antiquity*

Konstantin Klein

University of Oxford, UK

*Taming the "Wolves of Arabia": Interactions and symbiotic relationships between Romans and Arabs at the Eastern border (1st – 5th century)*

Maria Riep

Leiden University, The Netherlands

*Frontiers and networks: Boundaries on the move in 7th and 8th century Central Asia*

**six more presentations of 10 min.**

## Monday 01 March

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### Session 3: *Environment and food supply*

Chair: Name, Affiliation

09.00-09.45

Minoru Yoneda

University of Tokyo, Japan

*Lecture*

09.45-10.30

Toennes Bekker-Nielsen

University of Southern Denmark

*Patterns of settlement and domination on the Roman fringe*

10.30-11.00

Coffee break

### Session 4: *Networks of interaction, production and exchange*

Chair: Name, Affiliation

11.00-11.45

Ray Lawrence

University of Birmingham/University of Kent, UK

*Networks of interaction - looking at roads and cities in the Roman Empire*

17.45-18.30

Michael Alram

Coin Cabinet, Kunsthistorisches Museum, Austria

*Money, Prestige and Identity: from Persepolis to China*

12.30-14.00

Lunch

14.00-14.45

Takehiko Matsugi

Okayama University., Japan

*Lecture*

14.45-15.45

Young Scholar Presentations

Wu Guo

Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

*The Silk Road Under the Influence of the Geographical Barrier and the Cultural Identity During the Han Dynasty*

Klaus Vondrovec

Kunsthistorisches Museum, Austria

*The Emergence of Huna Identity: the Alchan-Coinage in Gandhara*

**4 more short presentations of 10 min. each**

15.45-16.15

Coffee break

16.15-17.30

POSTER SESSION

19.00

Dinner

20.30-22.00

Young Scholar Presentations

Katia Schoerle

University of Oxford, UK

*The industry of luxury at the edges of empires: pearls, power and profit on the Red Sea*

Eivind Heldaas Seland

University of Bergen, NO

*Agency perspective on empires and their peripheries: the case of Palmyra*

**Bo Jiang**

Chinese Academy of Social Sciences  
*Byzantine Coins found in China*

**Steffen Terpe Laursen**

Aarhus University, Denmark  
*On the fringes of the empires of the Mesopotamian and Indus Valley civilizations – secondary state formation in Bahrain (c. 2200-2000 BC)*

**5 more short presentations of 10 min. each**

**Tuesday 02 March**

**Session 5: *Ritual, symbolism and cosmology***

**Chair: Name, Affiliation**

09.00-09.45

**Chris Gosden**

University of Cambridge, UK  
*Cosmologies in Conflict*

09.45-10.30

**Yoshiyuki Tanaka**

Kyushu University, Japan

*Lecture*

10.30-11.00

Coffee break

11.00-11.45

**Askold Ivantchik**

Université de Bordeaux 3, France

*Scythian Kings and the Ideology and Symbolism of the Ancient Iranian Kingship*

11.45-12.30

**Young Scholar Presentations**

**Erika Forte**

University of Vienna, Austria

*The interaction between the Tibetan Empire and the Kingdoms of the Silk Road 7th-9th c. CE. Archaeological evidence from Khotan (Xinjiang, China)*

**Gunvor Lindstroem**

German Archaeological Institute

*The Hellenistic Sanctuaries of Bactria after the invasions of Saka and Yuezhi tribes*

**Sergey Minov**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

*Formation of Syriac Christian identity in Byzantine-Persian frontier: The case of the "Cave of Treasures"*

**Alexei Muraviev**

Russian Academy of sciences

*Syriac Hagiography Reflecting Iranian Neighbours: Cruel Persecutors and Sympathizers in occulto*

12.30

Lunch

Afternoon  
19.00  
20.30-22.00

Half-day excursion

Dinner

## Young Scholar Presentations

### Sören Stark

Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

*Court Art between Empires: Accumulation and production of art at the Turkic residences between Byzantium, Iran and China (ca. A.D. 550-750)*

### Sidsel Maria Westh-Hansen

Aarhus University, Denmark

*From Sidon to Babylon: Globalisation and Regionalisation in the Cultural Landscape of Hellenistic West Asia*

### Leslie Wallace

University of Pittsburgh, USA

*The Ends of the Earth: Eastern Han (25-220 CE) Conceptions of the Afterlife and the Xiongnu Empire*

### Dirk Wicke

Johannes Gutenberg-University, Germany

*The Upper Tigris Region in the early first millennium BC: At the northern fringe of the Assyrian Empire*

**5 more short presentations of 10 min. each**

## Wednesday 03 March

### Session 6: *Empires and their contested peripheries in long-term and global perspectives*

**Chair: Name, Affiliation**

09.00-09.45

### Koji Mizoguchi

Kyushu University, Japan

*Lecture*

09.45-10.30

### Benjamin Isaac

University of Tel Aviv, Israel

*The Roman Empire: Core and Periphery and the nature of the imperial frontier*

10.30-11.00

Coffee Break

11.00-11.45

### Tatsuhiko Seo

Chuo University, Japan

*Lecture*

11.45-12.30

## Young Scholar Presentations

### Thomas Brueggemann

Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany

*Exercise and Share of Power in the Seleucid Empire. Centre and Peripheries in a Polyethnic State (3rd – 2nd Century BC)*

## Leonardo Gregoratti

Udine University, Italy

*At the Periphery of the Empires: Vassal Monarchs in the Parthian Kingdom*

## Bo Bi

Renmin University of China

New evidence for the Kangju from Chinese and Sogdian sources

**One more short presentation of 10 min.**

12.30-14.00

Lunch

### Session 7: *Conclusions and Perspectives*

**Chair: Name, Affiliation**

14.00-15.30

Tour de Table: conclusions and perspectives  
(young scholars)

15:30-16:00

Coffee break

16.00-17.30

Panel Forward Look Session

Moderator: Rüdiger Klein

19.00

Farewell Reception & Conference Dinner

### Thursday 04 March

Breakfast and Departure

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## Abstracts, Posters & Short Oral Presentations

### Instructions

Posters and Short Talks should follow the below format:

1/3 empirical: description of your own work (main thesis, and how it relates to the conference)

1/3 theoretical: methodological challenges you have encountered that relate to the theme of the conference

1/3 speculative: future perspectives: can you see your work in wider networks dealing with the theme of the conference? What form or format of collaborations would you most want to see emerge in Euro-Asian research collaboration, what could be your [or your institute's] intellectual contribution?"

Short Talks will be limited to strictly 10 minutes maximum

**NOTE: Please bring your laptop along as the Booklet of Abstracts will be distributed on USB sticks**