

Heavenly Bodies over Asia at Yale University

March 3 – 5, 2023

Conference Location

The Greenberg Conference Center, 391 Prospect St., New Haven
Reception @ The Blake Hotel, 9 High Street, New Haven

Friday, March 3 – Reception and Keynote

5pm – 7:30pm

- ❖ Keynote, Antonio Panaino
 - ❖ Reception at *The Blake Hotel (9 High Street)*
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Saturday, March 4 – Presentations Day 1

*Private Shuttle for speakers only from The Blake to The Greenberg Conference Center:
8:45 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.*

Breakfast: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Panel 1: 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

- ❖ “From Astrology to Embryology: The Cult of the Northern Dipper in Tendai Buddhism”
Bernard Faure, Columbia University
- ❖ "Zodiac, decans, nakshatras– transmission of astral imagery on the medieval Northern Silk Road"
Lilla Russell-Smith, Asian Art Museum, Berlin, Germany
- ❖ 15-minute discussion

Break: 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Panel 2: 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- ❖ “Writing her fate: two women’s astrological manuals from Roman Egypt”
Lingxin Zhang, Yale University
- ❖ “Moving Spirits: The Heavens in the Body and Mind-Body Dualism”
Lisa Raphals, University of California, Riverside
- ❖ 15-minute discussion

Lunch: 12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Panel 3: 1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- ❖ “A Horoscope within a Buddhist Mandala: The Met Star Mandala’s Meeting of Aesthetics and Science”
Elizabeth Tinsley, University of California, Irvine
- ❖ 15-minute discussion

Afternoon Break: 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Shuttle to The Blake Hotel for all attendees: 3:30pm onwards

Dinner at Zinc (964 Chapel St.): 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 4 – Presentations Day 2

*Private Shuttle for speakers only from The Blake to The Greenberg Conference Center:
9:15 a.m. and 9:45 a.m.*

Breakfast: 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Panel 5: 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

- ❖ “The Evolution of Rāhu and Ketu in East Asia: Astrology, Religion, and Iconography”
Jeffrey Kotyk, University of Bologna
- ❖ “How to ‘see’ the moon and extend one’s life: Buddhist rituals for celestial bodies in medieval Japan”
Lucia Dolce, SOAS University of London
- ❖ 15-minute discussion

Break: 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Panel 6: 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- ❖ “Fatalism as Good Policy: On the Intersection of Astral Science and Political Theory in Medieval India”
Marko Geslani, University of South Carolina
- ❖ “India's Iron Cage? Astrology, Shanidev, and Devotional Religion”
Carla Bellamy, Baruch College, City University of New York
- ❖ 15-minute discussion

Lunch: 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Panel 7: 2:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

- ❖ “The Beginnings of Perso-Arabic Astrology in India: From Sahl ibn Bishr to Samarasiṃha”
Martin Gansten, Lund University
- ❖ “Sasanian astrology: a diverse doctrinal corpus”
Enrico Raffaelli, University of Toronto
- ❖ “Further Considerations on the Cords of Wind within the Indian and Iranian Cosmological Systems, and their Origins”
Antonio Panaino, University of Bologna
- ❖ 30-minute discussion

Closing Remarks: 4:15 p.m. – 4:30p.m.

- ❖ **Jeffrey Kotyk & Marko Geslani**

Shuttle to The Blake Hotel for all attendees: 4:30pm onwards

Dinner at Atelier Florian (1166 Chapel St.): 6:00 p.m.