

## 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)*
- 

### 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
- ❖ “Between Mandala and Horoscope: The Art of Tangut Astrology”  
**Michelle McCoy**, University of Pittsburgh

**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

**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 Samarasimha”  
**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.**