

# Two Early Modern Global Networks in Asia: The Society of Jesus and the Dutch East India Company

December 2-3, 2022

University of Warsaw, Faculty of History, the Columned Hall

## Friday, 2 December 2022

9:30–10:00

### Welcome and Introduction

Natalia Królikowska-Jedlińska, Igor Chabrowski

10:00–10:30

### Coffee break

10:30–12:30

### Session 1: Communication and knowledge management in SI and VOC

Chair: Joan Pau Rubies

1. Robert Danieluk (ARSI, Roma), Jesuit Strategy of Communication and Its Mirror – The Order's Roman Archives
2. Elisa Frei (Boston College/Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main), Ready for a stealthy departure, and for anything else." The Network of the Italian Petitioners for the Indies (17th-18th centuries)
3. Frederik Vermote (California State University) Trust, travel and logistics: Eurasian networks or connections between the Jesuits and the VOC
4. Paul Shore (University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada), Jan Milan SJ: Proto-ethnologist among the Kalmyks and Crimean Tatars, 1700-1711

### Discussion

12:30–13:30

### Lunch

13:30–15:30

### Session 2: Cooperation and conflict between SI, VOC and locals

Chair: Andrzej Wadas

1. Joan Pau Rubies (ICREA & Universitat Pompeu Fabra), Protestant merchants and Catholic missionaries: two different views of Asian cultures?
2. Peter Good, Anglo- Dutch Rivalry in the Western Indian Ocean: Crisis, Conflict and Cooperation
3. Adam Włodarski (UW), When a missionary meets a merchant: Relationships between Jesuits and the Dutch East India Company in South-East Asia in the 17th century. A case study of Batavia
4. Igor Chabrowski (UW), Competing networks? Chinese and Dutch in the 17th-century Ayutthaya: diversity, adjustment, cooperation, and struggle

### Discussion

15:30–16:00

### Coffee break

16:00-17:30

**Session 3: Between fascination and reality - the Jesuits in the Orient**

Chair: Paul Shore

1. Monika Miazek-Męczyńska (Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań), A great longing for India vs. reality of the Jesuits from Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth – a case of Paulus Kostanecki
2. Joanna Wasilewska (Asia and Pacific Museum, Warsaw), Images of Asia of Jesuit order in Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth: East seen through Western lens
3. Faraz Anjum (University of the Punjab), Encountering the Other: Jesuit Accounts about Islam and Muslims of South Asia

**Discussion**

**Saturday, 3 December 2022**

9:30-11:00

**Session 4: Jesuits contacts with the local authorities**

Chair: Mariusz Kowalski

1. Janusz Smołucha, Andrzej Wadas (Jesuit University Ignatianum in Kraków), The Origins of the Jesuit Authority and Influence at the Court of Emperor Kangxi and in the Wider Circles of the Chinese Society in the Light of the Works of Thomas Szpot Dunin
2. Nguyen Duc Ha (UW), Reactions of the Vietnamese authorities towards Catholic missions, in particular Jesuit missions, in the light of the local sources (17th-18th century)
3. Natalia Królikowska-Jedlińska (UW), Challenges of working across cultures. Thomas Młodzianowski as a companion of Alexandre de Rhodes in the Persian mission in the 1650s

**Discussion**

11:00-11:20

**Coffee break**

11:20-12:50

**Section 5: East Europeans careers in the VOC**

Chair: Igor Chabrowski

1. Gábor Pusztai (University of Debrecen), A Hungarian employee of the VOC. The Adventures of András Jelky different views of Asian cultures?
2. Mariusz Kowalski (UW/IGSO Polish Academy of Sciences), Poles in the Service of the Dutch East India Company in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries with Particular Emphasis on the Cape Colony
3. Rafał Szmytka (Jagiellonian University/UW), Inhabitants of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in the VOC, 1602-1702

**Discussion**

12:50-13:30

**Closing comments:**

Tomasz Ochowski (UW), Natalia Królikowska-Jedlińska (UW)

13:30-14:30

**Lunch**

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