

Kore University of Enna

Department of Classical, Linguistic and Educational Studies

18-19 December 2025
HYBRID CONFERENCE

SYMPOSIUM OF INTERNATIONAL DATABASE PROJECTS

DIGITISING THE LINKS OF HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, AND COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN EAST AND WEST

DAY 1 15:00-18:30 18th December 2025, Auditorium Pettinato, Plesso D

Speakers

- Francesco Borghesi (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)
 - Paolo De Troia (Sapienza University of Rome)
 - Srushti Goud (*online*) (Kore University of Enna)
 - Arianna Magnani (Kore University of Enna)
 - Eugenio Menegon (Boston University, USA)
 - Greta Rauch Frei (*online*) (Boston University)
 - Valerio Mario Salerno (Kore University of Enna)
 - Salvatore Sorce (Kore University of Enna)
 - Donald Sturgeon (*online*) (Durham University)
 - Alessandro Tosco (Kore University of Enna)
- Discussant for Day 1: Antonio Leggieri (Kore University of Enna)

DAY 2 09:00-12:30 19th December 2025, Aula 409, Plesso D

Speakers

- Andrea Balbo (University of Turin)
 - Angelo Marcelli (University of Salerno)
 - Sabrina Senatore (University of Salerno)
 - Nicolas Standaert (*online*) (KU Leuven)
 - Chiara Ombretta Tommasi (University of Pisa)
- Discussant for Day 2: Paolo Monella (Kore University of Enna)




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 **18 December, 2025**
 **Auditorium Pettinato, Plesso D**
 **15:00–18:30**

PROGRAMME DAY 1:

15:00 – 15:30

OPENING INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS

15:30 – 16:00

The M.A.R.E. Project: A Database Tracing Texts in Motion from East to West. **ARIANNA MAGNANI, VALERIO MARIO SALERNO, SALVATORE SORCE, ALESSANDRO TOSCO** and online **SRUSHTI GOUD** (Kore University of Enna)

16:00 – 16:30

The China Historical Christian Database, 1550–1950 (CHCD): A Resource on Early Modern Chinese–Western Exchanges.
EUGENIO MENEGON and online **GRETA RAUCH FREI** (Boston University)

16:30 – 17:00

Building a Digital Library of Premodern Chinese Texts with Crowdsourcing and AI.
DONALD STURGEON (Durham University) online

17:00– 17:15

Coffee Break

17:15 – 17:45

Mapping and Translating the World: Sino-Jesuit Atlases, Toponyms and Databases.
PAOLO DE TROIA (Sapienza University of Rome)

17:45 – 18:15

What Future for the Textus–Sinici Project?
FRANCESCO BORGHESI (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

18:15 – 18:30

Closing Remarks Discussant **ANTONIO LEGGIERI** (Kore University of Enna)

 Online access (Zoom): <https://zoom.us/j/99868503549>

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 **19 December, 2025**

 **Aula 409, Plesso D**

 **09:00–12:30**

PROGRAMME DAY 2:

09:00 – 09:30

CCT-Database (Chinese Christian Texts).
NICOLAS STANDAERT (KU Leuven) *online*

09:30 – 10:00

From Serica to Classica Serica and Serica Pedemontana: Latin Texts for the East and Beyond.
ANDREA BALBO (University of Turin)

10:00 – 10:30

Human-in-the-Loop for the Automatic Transcription of Ancient Handwritten Documents: Why, Where and When.
ANGELO MARCELLI (University of Salerno)

10:30 – 10:45

Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:15

A Semantically Enhanced Knowledge Base for Ancient Manuscript Journeys Along the Silk Road.
SABRINA SENATORE (University of Salerno)

11:15 – 11:45

The SERICA Project in Pisa: Genesis, Development, Challenges and Perspectives.
CHIARA OMBRETTA TOMMASI (University of Pisa)

11:45 – 12:30

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