The Inexorable Conversation
Islamo-Christian Contacts and Contests in Early Modern Eurasia
12 October 2023
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Chair: Stefano Pellò
9.20-10.00
Boghos Levon Zekiyan
Cristianesimo e Islam: Esperienze di conflitto e convivenza
10.00-10.30
Michele Bernardini
Timur and the Christians: Massacres and Opportunistic Alliances
10.30-11.00
Sinem Casale
Visions of Christians before the Shah and the Padshah
Discussion/Coffee break

Chair: Paolo Lucca
11.20-12.20
Jorge Flores
and Giancarlo Casale
Indo-Persian Conversions and the Portuguese Inquisition:
Jorge Flores
A ‘New Christian’ from Elvas and an ‘Old Christian’ from Mardin
Giancarlo Casale
Qadi of Hormuz’s Son Becomes a Catholic – Or Does He?
12.20-12.50
Stefano Pellò
Unigenita Materia: Early Modern Persian Poetry and the Travels of Italian Natural Philosophy to Isfahan and Delhi
Discussion
13.15-15.00
Lunch break

Chair: Aldo Ferrari
15.00-15.30
Rudi Matthee
Shah Sultan Husayn and the Christians: New Julfa’s Armenians and European Missionaries in Late Safavid Iran
15.30-16.00
Paolo Lucca
Prodigal Sons or Schismatics? Strategies and Dynamics of Conversion between European Missionaries and New Julfa Armenians in the Age of Confessionalization
16.00-16.30
Ali Aydin Karamustafa
Çomar Bölükbaşı, the Ottoman Janissary-turned-Celali: Muslim and Christian Accounts of His Story
Discussion/Coffee break

Chair: Boghos Levon Zekiyan
16.50-17.20
Benedetta Contin
Local Literary Culture and Christian Armenian Society in the late Byzantine and Early Ottoman Peripheries
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Aldo Ferrari
L’Église arménienne et l’Empire russe
17.50-18.20
Abbas Siavash Abkenar
From Vernacularization to Revolution: The Armenian Role in Qajar Statecraft and Social Transformation
Final discussion