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Divergent Orientalism. Re-Imagining Japan in Continental Europe, 1900s–1940s

April 28-29, 2025

Aula Magna Silvio Trentin (First Floor)

Ca' Dolfin, Dorsoduro 3859/A - Venice

DAY 1 (APR. 28)

13.00 **Welcome**

14.00 **Greetings and Introduction**

14.20 **Toshio Miyake** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

Critical Reflections on Occidentalism, Orientalism, and Self-Orientalism

15.10 **Rotem Kowner** (The University of Haifa)

Orientalism vs. Military prowess: The Evolving Racial Image of the Japanese in Europe, 1900s–1940s

16.00 Coffee Break

16.30 **Matteo Cestari** (University of Turin)

Orientalism and the Formation of Modern Social Identities. A Perspective from Social Theory

17.20 **Oleg Benesch** (University of York)

Warriors beyond Space and Time: The Samurai as a Global Icon

18.10 **First Plenary Discussion**

DAY 2 (APR. 29)

9.00 **Introduction to the 2nd Session**

9.10 **Frank Jacob** (Nord University)

Between Admiration and Fear: Western Perceptions of Japan during the Russo-Japanese War

10.00 **Florentino Rodao** (Complutense University of Madrid)

Japan, Morocco and the Spanish Orientalism

10.50 Coffee Break

11.20 **Rafal Pankowski** (Collegium Civitas)

Japan as an inspiration for Polish nationalism in the first half of the 20th century

12.10 **Alexandra-Marina Gheorghe** (University of Bucharest)

Imagining Japan and the Japanese in Romania between 1900 and 1940

13.00 Lunch Break

14.30 **Mária Ildikó Farkas** (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary)

Ideas of cultural, spiritual, and political connections: Perceptions of Japan in the interwar period in Hungary

15.20 **Sarah Panzer** (Missouri State University)

Against the West: Occidentalism as a Useful Concept in Analyzing the German-Japanese Alliance

16.10 **Nicola Bassoni** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice)

Yamatology: Japan in Italian Imagination

17.00 Coffee Break

17.30 **Second Plenary Discussion and Concluding Remarks**

The conference will be streamed on Zoom. If you would like to participate, please send an email to divergentorientalism2025@gmail.com