

Rethinking the Role of Antiquity: The value of the Classics in the 21st century

September 2-4, 2026
Sala delle Trifore, San Sebastiano
Dorsoduro 1686, Venice

2 SEPTEMBER 2026

09.00 **Opening Ceremony and Institutional Greetings**

Tiziana LIPPIELLO, Rector of Ca' Foscari University of Venice
Massimo AMBROSETTI, Ambassador of Italy to the People's Republic of China

Giovanni DELL'OLIVO, General Director of Fondazione di Venezia

DU Xiaoqin, Head of the Department of Chinese Language and Literature, Peking University

Laura DE GIORGI, Director of the Department of Asian and North African Studies

Daniele BAGLIONI, Director of the Department of Humanistic Studies

Livio ZANINI, Italian Co-Director of the Venice Confucio Institute

9.15 – 10.30 **SESSION I**

DEFINING THE CLASSICAL

Chair: **DU Xiaoqin 杜晓勤**

Speakers: **Glenn W. MOST** - **WANG Bo 王博** - **Richard KING**

10.50 – 12.00 **SESSION II**

CANON, COMMENTARY AND PHILOLOGY

Chair: **Gianpiero ROSATI**

Speakers: **LIU Yucai 刘玉才** - **Attilio ANDREINI**

14.00 – 15.20 **SESSION III**

TRANSMISSION OF CLASSICAL TEXTS

Chair: **Franco MONTANARI**

Speakers: **Emiliano FIORI** - **DU Xiaoqin 杜晓勤** - **LI Hao 李浩**

16.40 -17.30 **SESSION IV**

PHILOLOGY AND TEXTUAL TRADITIONS

Chair: **Giulia BACCINI**

Speakers: **Franco MONTANARI** - **HU Qi 胡琦** - **GAO Tonglin 郜同麟**

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9.15- 10.30 **SESSION V**

EXEGESIS AND INTERPRETATION

Chair: **Roberto NICOLAI**

Speakers: **CAI Zongqi 蔡宗齐** - **Ettore CINGANO** - **Martina VENUTI**

10.50 – 12.30 **SESSION VI**

PHILOSOPHY, CANON AND CULTURAL TRANSMISSION

Chair: **WANG Bo 王博**

Speakers: **Tiziana LIPPIELLO** -

CHENG Sudong 程苏东 - **YE Ye 叶晔** - **Paolo DE TROIA**

14.30 – 16.05 **SESSION VII**

LANGUAGE, WRITING AND KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

Chair: **Giorgio PIRAS**

Speakers: **ZHOU Xinglu 周兴陆** -

HU Chirui 胡敕瑞 - **LEI Tangxun 雷塘洵** - **XIANG Xiaolu 向筱路**

16.25 – 17.30 **SESSION VIII**

LITERATURE AND MATERIAL CULTURE

Chair: **Glenn W. MOST**

Speakers: **Roberto NICOLAI** - **Gianpiero ROSATI**

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9.10 – 10.05 **FINAL SESSION**

TEXT, INTERPRETATION AND GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE

Chair: **Ettore CINGANO**

Speakers: **Giorgio PIRAS** - **Andrea BALBO**

10.10 – 10.30 **CLOSING CEREMONY**

Final remarks (Ca' Foscari & Peking University)

Official closure of the conference