



WORKSHOP

My First Time  
in  
India

6-7 FEBRUARY 2026, 10:00 CET

ANTONIO PASQUALINO  
INTERNATIONAL PUPPET MUSEUM

PIAZZETTA ANTONIO PASQUALINO 5  
PALERMO, ITALY



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## 6 FEBRUARY, 10:00 CET

10:00 INSTITUTIONAL GREETINGS

CHAIR: ANA JELNIKAR

10:30 JAKOB DE ROOVEER (GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM)

**OUR FIRST TIME IN INDIA: CONDITIONS OF COMING TO KNOW ANOTHER CULTURE**

10:50 MARIANNA FERRARA (SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY OF ROME, ITALY)

**BY SEA OR BY LAND: ARRIVING IN INDIA IN SIXTEENTH-CENTURY ITALIAN TRAVEL ACCOUNTS**

11:10 MARTIN FÁREK (TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF LIBEREC, CZECH REPUBLIC)

**COMPARISON OF THE BACKGROUND EXPECTATIONS OF THE CZECH VISITORS OF INDIA**

11:30 ANITA STASULANE (DAUGAVPILS UNIVERSITY, LATVIA)

**HINDUISM IN THE 19TH C. LATVIAN IMAGINATION**

11:50-12:20 DISCUSSION

12:20-15:00 LUNCH BREAK

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## 15:00 CET

CHAIR: ANTONIA NAVARRO-TEJERO

15:00 JARO DEMETTER (GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM)

**KNOWING INDIA IN THE LOW COUNTRIES THROUGH POPULAR 19TH- AND 20TH-CENTURY PERIODICALS**

15:20 IGOR SPANÒ (UNIVERSITY OF PALERMO, ITALY)

**MAPPING THE SACRED, MAPPING THE INDIAN NATION: SISTER NIVEDITA'S PILGRIMAGE TO KEDARNATH BETWEEN DEVOTION AND POLITICAL DEMANDS**

15:40 ANNA VRKOSLAVOVÁ (TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF LIBEREC, CZECH REPUBLIC)

**CZECH FIRST IMPRESSIONS IN INDIA**

16:00-16:30 DISCUSSION

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17:00 MUSEUM VISIT AND SICILIAN PUPPET SHOW

## 7 FEBRUARY, 10:00 CET

CHAIR: JAKOB DE ROOVEER

10:00 JOLITA ZABARSKAITĖ (UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN, GERMANY)

**THE OTHER INDIA: ESCAPE FROM THE COLONIAL ATTITUDE TOWARDS INDIA AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 20TH CENTURY**

10:20 ANA JELNIKAR (RESEARCH CENTRE OF THE SLOVENIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND ARTS, SLOVENIA)

**LANDING IN BOMBAY: EARLY 20TH-CENTURY SLOVENE (YUGOSLAV) PERCEPTIONS**

10:40 GIUSEPPE RESTA (UNIVERSITY OF PORTO, PORTUGAL)

**INDIA THROUGH GRITLI VON MITTERWALLNER'S PHOTOS: A WITNESS TO THE END OF THE COLONIAL ERA**

11:00-11:30 DISCUSSION

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CHAIR: MARTIN FÁREK

11:30 RÓBERT GÁFRIK (SLOVAK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, SLOVAKIA)

**"FOR INDIA IS LOVE. AND INDIA IS ALSO MY LOVE." A STORY OF A TRANSLATOR IN INDIA**

11:50 ANTONIA NAVARRO-TEJERO (UNIVERSITY OF CORDOBA, SPAIN)

**IMPERIAL FEMINISM AND THE INDIAN QUESTION: KATHERINE MAYO, MARY DALY, AND THE GENDERED CRITIQUE OF INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION**

12:10-12:20 DISCUSSION

12:20-15:00 LUNCH BREAK

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## 15:00-18:00 CET

MEETING OF THE ESIND CORE GROUP

