

IMC 2023 Session

Session	1306
Title	<i>Nihil novi ex oriente??: China in Western Eyes in the Middle Ages and the Early Modern Period</i>
Date/Time	Wednesday 5 July 2023: 16.30-18.00
Sponsor	Institute for the History of Ancient Civilizations, Northeast Normal University, Changchun
Organiser	Bernhard Hollick, Institutt for arkeologi, konservering og historie, Universitetet i Oslo
Moderator/Chair	Cornelia Linde, Lehrstuhl für Allgemeine Geschichte des Mittelalters, Universität Greifswald
Paper 1306-a	The Silk Road through the Eyes of the Nomads (Language: English) Elizabeth Webster, Institute for the History of Ancient Civilizations, Northeast Normal University, Changchun Index Terms: Economics - General; Folk Studies; Language and Literature - Comparative
Paper 1306-b	Reading about China: Franciscan Travelogues and their Audience (Language: English) Bernhard Hollick, Institutt for arkeologi, konservering og historie, Universitetet i Oslo Index Terms: Education; Historiography - Medieval; Language and Literature - Latin; Mentalities
Paper 1306-c	'Western' Antiquity in G. P. Maffei's <i>Historiae Indicae</i>, Book VI: China (Language: English) Sven Günther, Institute for the History of Ancient Civilizations, Northeast Normal University, Changchun Index Terms: Historiography - Modern Scholarship; Language and Literature - Latin; Learning (The Classical Inheritance)
Abstract	From the thirteenth century onward, a growing number of western diplomats, merchants and missionaries reached the Mongol Empire and Yuan-China. Their historical, ethnographic and geographic accounts profoundly changed the way these formerly mysterious, if not mythical, regions in the Far East were perceived. The session will throw light on the scholarly networks, through which this new knowledge spread in Late Medieval and Renaissance Europe: the papers will analyse who wrote