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**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**

# FROM THE COLUMNS OF HERCULES UP TO THE ARGONAUTS' VOYAGES

Circulation of people, commerce, diplomacy and *Realpolitik*  
of élites and marginal elements  
in the „Habsburgianate“ cultural continuum  
between the Mediterranean basin, the Pontic space  
and the Maritime Silk Road (1492–1700)

# PROGRAMME

## OPENING SESSION – CHAIRMAN: FLORIAN SCHWARZ

10.00–10.20 *Welcome and Opening Remarks*

10:20–10:45 **Michele Bernardini** | L'Orientale University of Naples  
*Bratutić, Sa'deddin's Dalmatian translator*

10:45–11:15 **Lukás Rybár** | Comenius University in Bratislava  
*Habsburg intelligence on Safavid Persia: the case of Michael Černović*

11:15–11:45 COFFEE BREAK

## LATE MORNING SESSION – CHAIRMAN: GIORGIO ROTA

11:45–12:15 **Tomislav Popić** | University of Zagreb  
*Italian merchants and moneylenders in Dalmatia in the 15th century*

12:15–12:45 **Lena Sadovski-Kornprobst** | University of Vienna / Austrian Academy of Sciences  
*Apulian New Christians in Venetian Dalmatia. Circum-Adriatic dimensions of the migration of converted Jews and their descendants in the late 15th and early 16th centuries*

12:45–13:45 LUNCH BREAK

## EARLY AFTERNOON SESSION – CHAIRWOMAN: LENA SADOVSKI-KORNPROBST

13:45–14:00 **Walter Pohl** | Austrian Academy of Sciences  
*Welcome address on behalf of the Global Eurasia Thematic Platform*

14:00–14:30 **José Manuel Floristán** | Complutense University of Madrid  
*Greek emigrants in the territories of the Spanish monarchy (16th–17th centuries). Adaptation and conflicts*

14:30–15:00 **Davide Trentacoste** | Independent Scholar  
*Making contact with the Shah for the first time: Italian letters of introduction for Shah Abbas I*

15:00–15:30 **Giorgio Rota** | Austrian Academy of Sciences  
*Italians between two worlds and Americans in Persia: some remarks on two possible avenues of research*

15:30–16:00 COFFEE BREAK

## LATE AFTERNOON SESSION – CHAIRMAN: VELIZAR SADOVSKI

16:00–16:30 **José Francisco Cutillas** | University of Alicante  
*Pedro Cubero Sebastian's vision of the Persianate World on his journey around the world*

16:30–17:00 **Paolo Ognibene** | University of Bologna, Branch of Ravenna  
*Father Arcangelo Lamberti's Relazione della Colchide (1635–1653)*

17:00–17:30 **Nana Kharebava** | University of Marburg  
*A superheroine against Shah and Habsburgs? On Ketevan/Catharina's literary figure by Teimuraz I and Gryphius*

17:30–18:00 TEA BREAK

## EVENING SESSION – CHAIRMAN: JOSÉ FRANCISCO CUTILLAS

18:00–18:30 **Nicola Melis** | University of Cagliari  
*The multiple status of middlemen in Ottoman lands (16th–17th century)*

18:30–19:00 **Saverio Marchignoli** | University of Bologna  
*The travel to Constantinople of fra Leonardo "the Macedonian" of Pistoia by appointment of the Medici, the discovery of Michael Psellos' copy of the famous Codex Hermeticus and its influence on the Academy of Florence*

19:00–19:30 **Final discussion**

19:30 **Conclusions on behalf of the conveners**