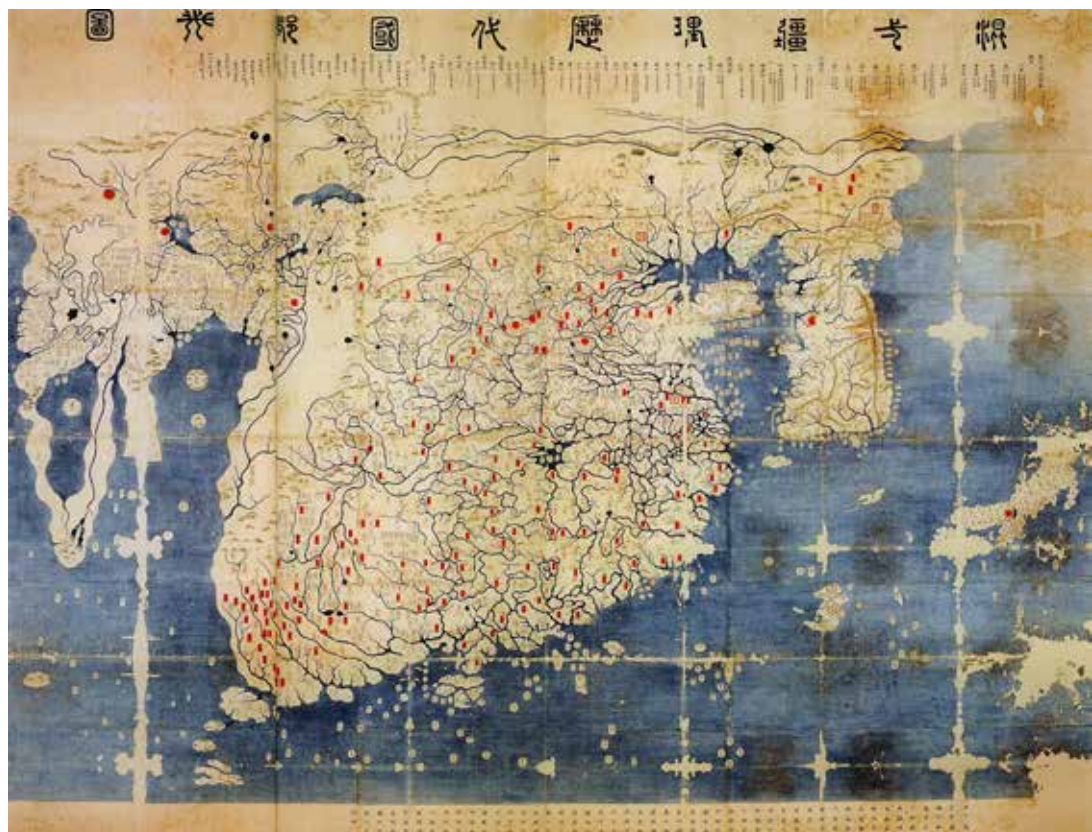


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The University of Haifa  
Tuesday-Thursday, 5-7 April 2016



Asia in the Gangnido World Map: Hankōji version, c. 1470. Tokiwa Museum, Shimada, Japan (source: Wikipedia)

## Tuesday, 5 April 2016

### OPENING (16:30-17:00)

**Reuven Snir**, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities,  
University of Haifa

**Gideon Shelach**, Head of the Asian Sphere  
Program, Hebrew University

**Rotem Kowner**, The Asian Sphere Program,  
University of Haifa

### SESSION I (17:00-19:00)

**Chair: Simone Shamay-Tsoory** (University of  
Haifa, Israel)

**Shinobu Kitayama** (University of Michigan,  
USA)  
*Culture, Neuroscience and the Distinct Aspects  
of Asian Personality and Emotions*

**Jenny Kurman** (University of Haifa, Israel)  
*Is there an Asian Mode of Behavior? Creativity,  
Self-Enhancement and Control Strategies in Asia*

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## Wednesday, 6 April 2016

### SESSION II (10:00-12:00)

**Chair: Yuri Pines** (Hebrew University of  
Jerusalem, Israel)

**Gideon Shelach** (Hebrew University of  
Jerusalem, Israel)  
*The First Age of Globalization? Asia during the  
First Millennium BC*

**Ronnie Ellenblum** (Hebrew University of  
Jerusalem, Israel)  
*Climate Change and Collapse in an Asian  
Perspective*

### SESSION III (13:30-15:30)

**Chair: Michal Daliot-Bul** (University of Haifa,  
Israel)

**Michal Biran** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem,  
Israel)  
*The Chinggisid Space in Mongol Eurasia*

**Francois Gipouloux** (CNRS, France)  
*China's Inter-regional Trading Networks and  
Capitalism with Chinese Characteristics,  
Sixteenth to Nineteenth Centuries*

### SESSION IV (16:00-18:00)

**Chair: Nimrod Baranovitch** (University of Haifa,  
Israel)

**Michael Kevak** (National Taiwan University,  
Taiwan)  
*The Rise of the Concept of Race and the Making  
of Asia*

**Ross G. Forman** (University of Warwick, UK)  
*Designing Asia through Display: Imperialism,  
International Exhibitions, and Spheres of  
Influence in the Late Nineteenth Century*

## Thursday, 7 April 2016

### SESSION V (10:00-12:00)

**Chair: Larisa Fialkova** (University of Haifa,  
Israel)

**Andreas Renner** (Ludwig Maximilian University  
of Munich, Germany)  
*Russian Concepts of Asia since the Eighteenth  
Century*

**Mark Gamsa** (Tel Aviv University, Israel)  
*Asia as a Self-Deprecatory Image in the Early  
Twentieth Century: Russian, Chinese and  
Japanese Perspectives*

### SESSION VI (13:30-15:30)

**Chair: Guy Podoler** (University of Haifa, Israel)

**Christopher W.A. Szpilman** (Sophia University,  
Japan)  
*Japanese Pan-Asianism and Asia in the  
Twentieth Century*

**Itzhak Weismann** (University of Haifa, Israel)  
*South and West Asia in Modern Islamic  
Networking*

### SESSION VII (16:00-18:00)

**Chair: Gideon Shelach** (Hebrew University of  
Jerusalem, Israel)

**Yitzhak Shichor** (University of Haifa, Israel)  
*Asia Resurrected: The Future Is What It (Once)  
Used to Be (More or Less)*

**Rotem Kowner** (University of Haifa, Israel)  
*The Making of a "Continent": Some Observations  
and General Discussion*

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