

Italian-Chinese Dialogues 2.0 Looking Sideways: Medieval and Early Modern History in Italian and Chinese perspectives



December 2025 - July 2026

(online)

This second cycle of Italian-Chinese seminars aims to understand different perspectives on Medieval and Early Modern topics, by bringing together PhD students and young scholars to explore major themes in historical research — from power and legitimacy to networks, minorities, and cross-cultural encounters — in a comparative and truly global framework. Each of the eight sessions features paired presentations by Chinese and Italian scholars, followed by discussion moderated by senior scholars. The series aims to foster intellectual exchange, encourage joint research projects, and strengthen the cultural and academic ties between Europe and China through the study of history in its broadest and most interconnected dimensions.

Organizers

Donato Sitaro (Naples)

Jiawei Weng (Tübingen/Beijing)

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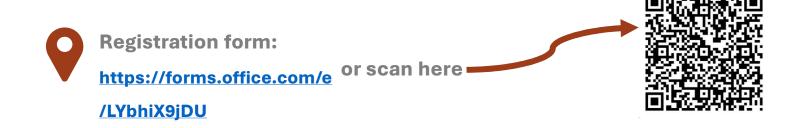
Calendar

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Month	Topic	Chinese speaker	Italian speker
Dec	Ethnic identities	Jiaming Zheng	Riccardo D'Ascenzi
2025		(Beijing)	(Tübingen)
Jan 2026	Communities and minorities I	Jiaren Liu (Jilin)	Andrea Petruccione (UNIMOL)
Feb	Legitimacy and authority	Qianyu Wang	Stefano De Vita
2026		(Ghent)	(UNINA)
Mar 2026	Communities and minorities II	Zijie Li (Beijing)	Martina Gargiulo (UNINA)
Apr	Carolingian transitions	Jamin Zhang	Manuel Fauliri
2026		(Guangzhou)	(Trento)
May	Places of Power and Legitimacy	Jiawei Weng	Simona Puca
2026		(Tübingen)	(UNINA)
Jun	Neighbours and Borders in the Early Middle Ages	Xuke Wang	Donato Sitaro
2026		(Beijing)	(UNINA)
Jul	Imperial Ideology and	Hao Wu (Beijing)	Francesco Sicilia
2026	Escathology		(UNINA)

All seminars will be held online on Microsoft Teams.

To attend the seminars, please register through the form below:



Organisers

Postdoctoral Researcher specializing in Early Medieval History at the University of Naples 'Federico II'. His work addresses how post-Roman ethnic identities were constructed, especially in the Western Atlantic peripheries. He is also interested in medieval epigraphy, patterns of long-distance connectivity, and the legacy and modern reception of the Early Middle Ages. He has published various contributions, while he is currently working on his first book on the ethnic identities of Western Britain.







PhD candidate at Ghent University, Belgium. He obtained his BA and MA from Peking University, China. His research explores the relationship between local bishops and Benedictine communities in eleventh- and early twelfth-century France. He has published several articles in Chinese and has an English article forthcoming in the Revue d'histoire ecclésiastique (2026).

Jiawei Weng (翁嘉蔚)

PhD candidate at Beijing Normal University and currently a visiting student at the University of Tübingen. Her doctoral research focuses on the feudal system and land tenure in medieval Germany, with particular attention to Duke Henry the Lion's leasing practices and the transmission of legal knowledge north of the Alps. She also explores medieval religious culture and royal authority through the study of charters and ecclesiastical records, and has presented her work at the IMC Leeds and published in peer-reviewed journals such as World Religious Cultures and Review of Economic and Social History.





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19 December h. 10-12 (CET) / 17-19 (CST)

Ethnic Identities in Late Antique West: Power, Religion, Literature

This inaugural session of our seminar series plunges into the complex, contested landscape of identity formation, loyalty, and distinction in Late Antiquity. Moving beyond essentialist definitions, the discussion centers on two crucial case studies from the late and post-Roman West: the Visigothic Kingdom in Spain and Vandal North Africa. Different approaches methodologies will emerge from the analysis of the varied strategies of self-definition employed by these *gentes*, the persistent influence of the Roman cultural substratum, and the decisive impact of divergent Christian affiliations on fifth- and sixth-century political and social cohesion.

Speakers

Jiaming Zheng



Riccardo D'Ascenzi

(Karls Eberhard Univeristät Tübingen)

Chair: Donato Sitaro (UNINA)

Opening Remarks by **Prof. Roberto Delle Donne**, Coordinator of the PhD in Historical Studies at UNINA.

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