

Italy in China

The Western Buildings in the Old Summer Palace Yuanmingyuan in Beijing

International Workshop

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Bibliotheca Hertziana, Max Planck Institute for Art History, Rome
Tuesday, March 25, 2014, Villino Stroganoff, Via Gregoriana 22, Rome
The workshop will be in English

Il testo dell'introduzione e gli abstracts degli interventi saranno disponibili in Italiano

The Beijing Tsinghua Institute for Digitization THID (Tsinghua University Beijing) and the Bibliotheca Hertziana, Max Planck Institute for Art History, Rome are conducting collaborative research devoted to the now ruinous Western Buildings that are part of the Old Summer Palace Yuanmingyuan in Beijing, and which were planned and erected around 1750 by Italian/French Jesuits and Chinese architects and craftsmen. The aim of the project is to comprehensively investigate and understand the Western Buildings and to analytically visualise them in virtual 3D-models. The project examines the Sino-Western experience in the planning and construction processes with the mutual exchange of techniques and methods, concepts and models, and explores the interaction between Chinese and Western conceptions of architecture, gardens, fountains, construction and hydraulic technologies. The workshop aims to present this collaboration project to a wider audience and to give a report on the current state of the work in progress.

- 14:30 *Welcome address:* Sybille EBERT-SCHIFFERER (Rome)
Opening words: YIN Lina (Beijing), Elisabeth KIEVEN (Rome)
Introduction: Hermann SCHLIMME (Rome)
- 15:00 YIN Lina (Beijing)
The Yuanmingyuan. Current state of research and analysis of textual and visual sources
- 15:45 SHANG Jin (Beijing)
The Western Buildings: Research questions and the role of virtual 3D-models
- 16:30 *Break*
- 17:00 GAO Ming (Beijing) and PIAO Wenzhi (Beijing)
New findings based on the building survey and re-examination of historic photographs
- 17:45 Hermann SCHLIMME (Rome)
Sino-Western knowledge transfer concerning plays of water and hydraulic technology: Benoist – Béliidor – Morland
- 18:30 *Closing remarks*



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