IASSRT Symposium 5, Call for Papers (1st round)

***Textiles on the Silk Roads: from Medieval to Industrial Periods***

5th Symposium of the International Association for the Study of Silk Road Textiles (IASSRT)

**September 29 – October 4, 2020**

**Centro Studi Martino Martini, University of Trento, Italy**

Silk Roads constitute some of the most significant cultural and economic networks that connect many continents and oceans. Textiles flowing through the Silk Roads reflect local diversities and innovations as well as inter-regional influences. These networks are as relevant today as they were in the past. The 5th Symposium of IASSRT, with the theme "Textiles on the Silk Roads: from Medieval to Industrial Periods," takes place in Italy, one of the major crossroads of the Silk Roads and a center of high-end production of handwoven and industrial textiles.

This symposium invites Italian scholars who will explore the rise of the silk industry in Italy, including the Medici patronage, Italy’s link to the Orient, and the role of cathedrals as repositories of early textiles. The symposium also seeks contributions from international scholars on the use of textiles in diplomatic relationships among regions and various social groups or institutions; the transmissions and influences of textile patterns, techniques, and meanings between East and West; the textile traditions and innovations along the Silk Roads; and the global rise of silk industries as an outcome of Silk Roads interactions.

Symposium format: two days of lectures and four days of study tours to visit important holdings of Silk Roads textiles.



**SCHEDULE**

**Sep. 28, arrive in Trento**

Registration

**Sep. 29 – 30, University of Trento**

**Symposium Programs**

Topic 1: The Italian Background to the Rise of the Silk Industry

Topic 2: The Soft Diplomacy of Textiles

Topic 3: Motive, Technique and Meaning. East and West

Topic 4: Textile Traditions and Innovations

Topic 5: Rise of Silk Industry

Visits:

* The Castello del Buonconsiglio and the Museum of the Duomo
* Rovereto, MART Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art
* Ala di Trento The Textile Museum

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Trento, Castello del Buonconsiglio (Castle)

**Oct. 1, Verona**

Topic 6: Links to Orient (local scholars)

Visit:

* Museum of Castelvecchio (Cangrande della Scala Textiles) and other Monuments in Verona

**Oct. 2, Florence**

Topic 7: The Medici Patronage (local scholars)

Visits:

* Bargello National Museum (Carrand and Franchetti Textile Collection, Islamic Collection); Palazzo Davanzati; Casa Martelli
* Palazzo Pitti (Museo degli Argenti, Museo del Costume e della Moda)
* Possibly private visit of the Gallerie degli Uffizi by night

**Oct. 3, Perugia**

Topic 8: Textiles as Cathedrals’ Treasures (local scholars)

Visits:

* New Museum of Pope Benedict XI (medieval liturgical vestments made with “panni tartarici)
* On the way back stop in Prato and visit of the National Textile Museum

**Oct. 4, Milan**

Topic 9: Cross-cultural Influences of Motive, East and West

Visit:

* Castello Sforzesco; MUDEC Museo delle Culture; exclusive visit of the most important Textile Private Collection

**Oct. 5, Departure or visit Como (optional)**



Trento, Old Town

**IASSRT SYMPOSIUM 5**

**CO-ORGANIZERS**

* International Association for the Study of Silk Road Textiles (IASSRT)
* Centro Studi Martino Martini
* University of Trento
* China National Silk Museum

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**CALL FOR PAPER SUBMISSIONS**

Textile/ art/ social historians and textile scholars/ conservators are invited to submit a paper abstract between 250–1000 words to: 1257104802@qq.com. Registration form is also required (see below)

Submission deadline: May l, 2020

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Duomo (Cathedral) and the Museum with an important textile collection

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