This conference attempts to compare missionaries' roles as local agents in different social environments across the Asian continent. We aim at testing the hypothesis that, no matter whether in the Middle East or South Asia, missionaries' options for action in localities under non-Christian authorities were strongly defined by the respective communicative setting.

The panels of the conference will be organized according to different communicative settings — household, rural, urban, court — rather than geographical regions. They will explore the distinctive options for action these settings provided to the missionaries.

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Fig.: Peter Paul Rubens, Portrait of Nicolas Trigault in Chinese Costume, 1617, The Metropolitan Museum of Art (Wikimedia Commons).
Tuesday, 30 May, 14.45–18.50
École Française de Rome

14.45  Catherine Virlouvet | Director of the EFR
Welcome

14.55  Nadine Amsler | Bern, Andreea Badea | Roma, Bernard Heyberger | Paris, Christian Windler | Bern
Introduction

I - Urban Settings
Chair: Bernard Heyberger | Paris

15.30  Noël Golvers | Leuven
Jesuit Missionaries in the Peking Court City (17th–18th Centuries): Between Proselytism and Acculturation

16.00  Coffee Break

16.30  Paolo Aranha | München
Questioning Binary Oppositions: The Augustinians in 17th–18th Century Bengal

17.00  Cesare Santus | Roma
Conflicting Views: The Local Practices of Catholic Missionaries in the Urban Settings of the Ottoman Empire

17.30  Comment: Markus Friedrich | Hamburg

Wednesday, 31 May, 9.30–18.30
Istituto Svizzero di Roma

9.30  Joëlle Comé | Director of the ISR
Welcome

II - Court Settings
Chair: Nadine Amsler | Bern

9.40  Eugenio Menegon | Boston
The Habit that Hides the Monk: Missionary Fashion Strategies at the Imperial Court in Early Modern China

10.10  Uroš Zver | San Domenico di Fiesole
Missionary Courting in Agra and Nanchang: Jesuit Mirrors for Emperor Jahangir and Prince Jian’an Wang (建安王)

10.40  Coffee Break

11.10  Margherita Trento | Chicago
At the Court of God: Tamil Poetry and Courtly Aspirations in the Life of Costanzo Gioseffo Beschi (1680–1747)

11.40  Christian Windler | Bern
Between Convent and Court Life: Missionaries in Isfahan and New Djuifa

12.10  Comment: Ronnie Po-chia Hsia | University Park

III - Household Settings
Chair: Christian Windler | Bern

15.00  Bernard Heyberger | Paris
Missionaries and Women: Domestic Catholicism in the Near East

15.30  Nadine Amsler | Bern
Holy Households: Jesuits, Women and Domestic Catholicism in China

16.00  Coffee Break

16.30  Haruko Nawata Ward | Decatur/Georgia
Transforming Christianity into Kirishitan Religion: Translation Workshops of Jesuits and Women in Japanese Households

17.00  Comment: Nicolas Standaert | Leuven

Thursday, 1 June, 9.30–17.00
Deutsches Historisches Institut in Rom

9.30  Martin Baumeister | Director of the DHI Roma
Welcome

IV - Rural Settings
Chair: Andreea Badea | Roma

9.40  Ronnie Po-chia Hsia | University Park
Urban Residences and Rural Missions: Patterns of Catholic Evangelization in Late Imperial China

10.10  Hélène Vu Thanh | Lorient
Funding the Mission: The Jesuits’ Insertion in the Economy of the Japanese Countryside

10.40  Coffee Break

11.10  Ines Županov | Paris
Between Mogor and Salsete: Rodolfo Acquaviva’s Error

11.40  Felicita Tramontana | Warwick
A Peculiar Case of Rural Mission: The Franciscan Minors in the Villages of the Jerusalem District (17th Century)

12.10  Comment: Birgit Emich | Frankfurt am Main

15.00  Round Table and Final Discussion
Charlotte de Castelnau l’Estoile | Paris
Sabina Pavone | Macerata
Antonella Romano | Paris

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