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*Henry Luce Foundation Professor of East Asian Studies
School of Historical Studies
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Academic Degrees

- 1982 B.A. in Chinese Studies. University of Venice (Italy).
1991 Ph.D. in Inner Asian History. Department of Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University.

Academic Appointments

- 2003- Henry Luce Foundation Professor of East Asian Studies, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study.
1999-2003 University of Canterbury, Christchurch (New Zealand): Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Chinese History,
1993-99 Harvard University: Assistant/Associate Professor of Chinese and Inner Asian History, Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations.
1992-93 Indiana University: Visiting Lecturer and Rockefeller Fellow, Department of Central Eurasian Studies.
1989-92 Cambridge University: Research Fellow at Clare Hall and the Mongolia and Inner Asia Studies Unit.

Awards, Fellowships, Visiting Appointments

- 2015 (Spring) New York University – Shanghai, Visiting Professor
2014-16 Visiting Professor, Princeton University
2012- National Science Foundation grant (Co-PI).
2009 Jan-Aug. Visiting Fellowship at the Research Institute for the Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies.
2001-2003 New Zealand Royal Society (Marsden Fund) project grant: “Military Culture in Chinese History.”
1998-1999 Member of the Institute of Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies, (Spring 1999).
1995 Harvard University: Milton Fund grant for Research in the People’s Republic of China.
1993 Indiana University, Bloomington, Rockefeller Fellowship in Inner Asian Studies.

- 1992 Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation: Research Fellowship for one-year post-doctoral study.
- 1990 Center for Chinese Studies, Taipei (RoC): three-month research grant, in residence at the Academia Sinica.
- 1988 IsMEO (Institute of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Rome): research grant to study at the Research Institute of Asian and African Cultures, Tokyo.
- 1985-86 Indiana University, Graduate Development Scholarship
- 1984-88 Italian Ministry of Education: Scholarship for study abroad.

Professional Service

Academic Journals

- 2012- *Journal of Chinese Military History*, Member of the Editorial Board
- 2012 - *Vulcan: the Journal for the Social History of Military Technology*, Member of the Editorial Board
- 2000 – *Asia Major* (Taipei, Academia Sinica), Member of the Editorial Board.
- 1999 – *Inner Asia* (Cambridge, UK), Member of the Editorial Board.
- 1997 – 2003 *Journal of Asian Studies*, Member of the Editorial Board (Inner Asia)

Academic Publishers

- 2008 -- Oxford University Press: *Oxford Studies in Early Empires*. Series Co-Editor
- 1997 -- Brill Publishers, *Handbook of Oriental Studies VIII – Central Asia*. Series Editor
- 1999-2010: Brill Publishers, *Brill Inner Asian library*. Series Co-Editor

Professional societies

- Association for Asian Studies*, Member; 2004-2007: served on the Council for Inner Asia and China, Chair (2006-2007) and Board Member.
- American Historical Association*.
- World History Association*.

Institutions

- New York University, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World: Senior Fellow
- University of Venice, Member of the Advisory Committee

Consultant/Reviewer

- Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study
- ACLS
- Cambridge University Press

Teaching (from 2003)

2015 Spring. NYU-Shanghai: Undergraduate classes in historical methodology and Asian history.
2014: Spring. Princeton University Graduate Seminar on Manchu History.
2012. May: Scuola Normale Superiore (Pisa, Italy): Week-long Seminar on Chinese historiography for undergraduate students.
2011-12 Fall and Spring. Princeton University, Readings in Manchu Language
2008 Fall - Princeton University, Readings in Manchu Language
2005 Spring, Columbia University, Graduate Seminar in East Asian History
2005 Spring, University of Pennsylvania, Graduate Seminar in East Asian History
2003, May Istituto Studi Umanistici, Florence (Italy), Graduate Seminar on Historical Periodization

Doctoral Supervisions/Examinations (from 2007)

Randolph Ford (New York University, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World),
current
Sare Arecanli, (Princeton University, EAS) *current*
Joseph Ricci, (Princeton University, History) *current*
Kin Sum Li, (Princeton University, Art History) – Graduated 2015
Morten Sarela (Princeton University, EAS) -- Graduated Spring 2015
Cao Dazhi (Princeton University, Art History) – Graduated 2014
Huan Tian (Columbia University), PhD 2011
Bryan K. Miller (University of Pennsylvania), PhD 2011
Daniela Dumbrava. Istituto di Studi Umanistici (Florence, Italy), PhD. 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Books authored

Diary of a Manchu Soldier in Seventeenth-Century China. London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2006.

Co-authored with Dalizhabu Bao. *A Documentary History of Manchu-Mongol Relations (1616-1626)*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2003.

Ancient China and Its Enemies: The Rise of Nomadic Power in East Asian History. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002. Chinese Translation: *Gudai Zhongguo yu qi qiang lin* 古代中国与其强邻 (Beijing 2010); also translated into Korean.

Co-authored with Giovanni Stary, Tatiana A. Pang, and Alessandra Pozzi. *On the Tracks*

of Manchu Culture 1644-1994: 350 Years after the Conquest of Peking. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 1995.

Reports from the Northwest: A Selection of Manchu Memorials from Kashgar (1806-1807). Bloomington: Indiana University Research Institute for Inner Asian Studies, 1993.

Books and Journals edited

Early Empires in Late Antiquity, Co-edited with Michael Maas, *forthcoming.* Cambridge University Press, 2016.

Military Culture in Imperial China. Edited and Introduction by Nicola Di Cosmo. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2009.

The Cambridge History of Inner Asia: The Chinggisid Age. Co-edited with Peter B. Golden and Allen Frank. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009.

Political Frontiers, Ethnic Boundaries and Human Geographies in Chinese History. Co-edited with Don J. Wyatt. London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2003.

Warfare in Inner Asian History (500-1800). Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2002.

Between Lapis and Jade: Ancient Cultures of Central Asia. Co-edited with Fredrik T. Hiebert, eds. Monographic issue of *Anthropology and Archaeology of Eurasia* 34.4, 1996.

Chapters in Books

“Climate as a Factor in the Mongol Withdrawal from Hungary in 1242.” In Marleen Kassel, ed. *Festschrift in Honor of Morris Rossabi.* Rowman Littlefield, 2016, *forthcoming.*

“China-Steppe relations in historical perspective”. In *Complexity and Interaction along the Eurasian Steppe Zone in the First Millennium CE.* Ed. Jan Bemann, Michael Schmauder (Bonn 2015): 49-72.

“A Note on the Formation of the Silk Road as Long Distance Exchange Network” In *ReSilkRoad* ed. Mehmet Bulut (Istanbul 2014):17-26.

“Aristocratic Elites in the Xiongnu Empire as Seen from Historical and Archeological Evidence.” In *Nomad Aristocrats in a World of Empires,* Ed. By Jürgen Paul (Wiesbaden 2013): 23-53.

“Connecting Maritime and Continental History: The Black Sea Region at the Time of the Mongol Empire” in *The Sea: Thalassography and Historiography,* ed. Peter Miller.

(University of Michigan Press, 2013): 174-97.

“La frontiera settentrionale dalle origini all’unificazione imperiale.” In *La Cina vol.1.2: Dall’Età del Bronzo all’impero Han*. Eds. Tiziana Lippiello and Maurizio Scarpari (Torino, Einaudi), pp. 263-298.

“Le frontiere dell’impero Han.” In *La Cina vol.1.2: Dall’Età del Bronzo all’impero Han*. Eds. Tiziana Lippiello and Maurizio Scarpari (Torino, Einaudi), pp. 299-320.

“Ethnogenesis, Coevolution And Political Morphology of the Earliest Steppe Empire: The Xiongnu Question Revisited” in *Xiongnu Archaeology: Multidisciplinary Perspectives of the First Steppe Empire in Inner Asia*, ed. Ursula Brosseder and Bryuan K. Miller, (Bonn, 2011): 35-48.

Neiya shi shang de guojia xingxheng yu jieduanhua 内亚史上的国家形成与阶段划 (Transl. of " State Formation and Periodization in Inner Asian History") in *Xifang Zhongguo shi yanjiu* (Western Studies on Chinese History) ed. Leo K. Shin, Beijing 2011.

“Nurhaci’s Names,” in *Representing Power in Ancient Inner Asia: Legitimacy, Transmission and the Sacred*, ed. Isabelle Charleux et al. (Bellingham: Western Washington University, 2010): 261-279.

“Ethnography of the Nomads and “Barbarian” History in Han China” in *Intentional History: Spinning Time in Ancient Greece*, ed. Lin Foxhall et al. (Stuttgart 2010), pp. 299-325

“Impero e Frontiere nella Cina antica: 200 BC-200 AD,” in *Gli Imperi: dall’antichità all’età contemporanea*. Ed. Ruth Ben-Ghiat (Bologna 2009): 93-117.

“Gli imperi nomadi nella storia della Cina imperiale,” in *La Cina, Vol II: L’età imperiale dai Tre Regni ai Qing*. eds. Mario Sabattini, Maurizio Scarpari (Torino 2010): 219-260.

“Sobre los orígenes de la Gran Muralla,” in *La construcción del poder en la China antigua*, ed. Alicia Relinque Eleta. Granada: Editorial Universidad de Granada, (2009), pp. 141-154.

“The Qing and Inner Asia: 1636-1800,” in *The Cambridge History of Inner Asia: The Chinggisid Age*, eds. Nicola Di Cosmo, Peter B. Golden, and Allen J. Frank. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, (2009): 333-362.

“La Cina, i nomadi e i mercanti,” in *Cina: alla Corte degli Imperatori. Capolavori mai visti dalla tradizione Han all’eleganza Tang (25-907)*, ed. Sabrina Rastelli. Firenze: Fondazione Palazzo Strozzi (2008), pp. 53-59.

“Marital Politics on the Manchu-Mongol Frontier in the Early Seventeenth Century,” in *The Chinese State at the Borders*, ed. Diana Lary. Vancouver: UBC Press (2007), pp. 57-73.

“Liao History and Society,” in *Gilded Splendor: Treasures of China’s Liao Empire (907-1125)*, ed. Hsueh-man Shen. New York: Asia Society (2006), pp. 15-23.

“Competing Strategies of Great Khan Legitimacy in the Context of the Chaqar-Manchu Wars (c. 1620-1634),” in *Imperial Statecraft: Political forms and techniques of governance in Inner Asia, Sixth-Twentieth Centuries*, ed. David Sneath. Washington: Western Washington University, (2006), pp. 245-263.

“Circostanze e limiti dell’espansione veneziana in Oriente nel Trecento,” in *Venezia, l’altro e l’altrove*, ed. Susanne Winter. Roma: Edizioni di Storia e Letteratura, (2006), pp. 1-22.

“A Note on the Authorship of Džengšeo’s *Beye-i cooha bade yabuha babe ejehe bithe*,” in *Tumen jalafun jecen akū: Manchu Studies in Honour of Giovanni Stary*, eds. Alessandra Pozzi, Juha Antero Janhunen, and Michael Weiers. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag (2006), pp. 73-78.

“Venice, Genoa, the Golden Horde, and the Limits of European Expansion in Asia,” in *Il Codice Cumanico e il Suo Mondo*, eds. Peter Schreiner and Felicitas Schmieder. Roma: Storia e Letteratura (2005), pp. 279-296.

“Mongols and Merchants on the Black Sea Frontier (13th-14th c.): Convergences and Conflicts,” in *Turco-Mongol Nomads and Sedentary Societies*, eds. Reuven Amitai and Michal Biran. Leiden: Brill, (2005), pp. 391-424.

“Did Guns Matter? Firearms and the Qing Formation,” in *The Qing Formation in World-Historical Time*, ed. Lynn Struve. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, (2004), pp. 121-166. Chinese translation: “Yu qiangpao he gan? Huoqi yu Qing diguo de xingcheng yu qiangpao he gan? Huoqi yu Qing diguo de xingcheng yu qiangpao he gan? Huoqi yu Qing diguo de xingcheng yu qiangpao he gan?” in *Shijie shijian yu Dongya shijian zhong de Ming Qing bianqian* 世界时间与东亚时间中的明清变迁 (World Historical and East Asian times in the Ming-Qing Transition) ed. Lynn Struve (2009): II, 152-207.

“Kirghiz Nomads on the Qing Frontier: Tribute, Trade, or Gift-Exchange?” in *Political Frontiers, Ethnic Boundaries and Human Geographies in Chinese History*, ed. Nicola Di Cosmo and Don J. Wyatt. London: RoutledgeCurzon, (2003), pp. 351-72.

“Military Aspects of the Manchu Wars Against the Čaqars,” in *Inner Asian Warfare (500-1800)*, ed. Nicola Di Cosmo. Leiden: Brill, (2002), pp. 337-67.

“Introduction: Inner Asian Ways of Warfare in Historical Perspective,” in *Inner Asian*

Warfare (500-1800), ed. Nicola Di Cosmo. Leiden: Brill, (2002), pp. 1-29.

“European Technology and Manchu Power: Reflections on the ‘Military Revolution’ in Seventeenth-Century China,” in *Making Sense of Global History*, ed. Sølvi Sogner. Oslo: University Press, (2001), pp. 119-39.

“Ancient City-States of the Tarim Basin,” in *A Comparative Study of Thirty City-State Cultures*, ed. Mogens Herman Hansen. Copenhagen: Kongelige Danske Videnskabernes Selskab, (2000), pp. 393-407.

“The Northern Frontier in Pre-Imperial China,” in *The Cambridge History of Ancient China*, ed. Michael Loewe and Edward L. Shaughnessy. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, (1999), pp. 885-966.

“Manchu Shamanic Ceremonies at the Qing Court,” in *State and Court Ritual in China*, ed. Joseph P. McDermott. Cambridge, New York: Cambridge University Press, (1999), pp. 352-98.

“Das Konchu mun’gyon rok des Yi Minhwan,” in *Materialen zur Vorgeschichte der Qing-Dynastie*, ed. Giovanni Stary. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, (1996), pp. 10-22.

Articles in Academic Journals

“Why Qara Qorum? Climate and Geography in the Early Mongol Empire.” *Archivum Eurasiae Medii Aevi* (2015): *forthcoming*.

(with N. Pederson, A.E. Hessel, N. Baatarbileg, K.J. Anchukaitis,) “Pluvials, Droughts, the Mongol Empire, and modern Mongolia,” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 111.12 (2014), 4375-4379.

“From Alliance to Tutelage: A Historical Analysis of Manchu-Mongol Relations before the Qing Conquest” was published in *Frontiers of History in China*, 2012.

“Introduction” in *Crossroads vol. 5: Ethnicity and Sinicization Reconsidered* (April 2012), pp. 5-25.

“The Manchu Conquest in World-Historical Perspective: A Note on Trade and Silver.” In *Journal of Central Eurasian Studies* 1, 2010 (Seoul, Korea): 43-60.

“Black Sea Emporia and the Mongol Empire: a Reassessment of the *Pax Mongolica*,” in *Empires and Emporia: The Orient in World Historical Space and Time*, Jubilee issue ed. Jos Gommans, *Journal of the Social and Economic History of the Orient* 53.1-2 (2010): 83-108.

“La «guerra giusta» nella conquista mancese della Cina.” *Nuova Rivista Storica*, 93.2 (2009): 449-76

“Han Frontiers: Towards an Integrated View,” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 129.2 (2009): 1-16.

“State Formation and Periodization in Inner Asian History.” *Journal of World History* 10.1 (Spring 1999): 1-40. (Chinese translation: “Neiya shi shang de guojia xingxheng yu jieduanhua 内亚史上的国家形成与阶段划” in *Xifang Zhongguo shi yanjiu* (Western Studies on Chinese History) ed. Leo K. Shin (2011).

“Qing Colonial Administration in Inner Asia.” *The International History Review* 20.2 (1998): 287-309

“A Set of Manchu Documents Concerning a Khokand Mission to Kashgar (1807).” *Central Asiatic Journal* 41.2 (1997): 159-99.

“Ancient Xinjiang Between Central Asia and China.” *Anthropology & Archeology of Eurasia* 34.4 (1996): 87-101.

“Ancient Inner Asian Nomads: Their Economic Basis and Its Significance in Chinese History.” *The Journal of Asian Studies* 53.4 (1994): 1092-1126.

“Alcune osservazioni sull'accento mancese.” *Aetas Manjurica* 1 (1987): 1-15.

“I rapporti tra Stati Uniti e Cina (1944-1949) nella storiografia americana.” *Rivista di storia contemporanea* 13. 4 (October 1984): 578-605.

“Mongolian Topics in the U.S. Military Intelligence Reports.” *Mongolian Studies* 10 (1986):96-107.

“Due messaggi sacrificali dei Jin Posteriori.” *Cina* 18 (1982), pp. 117-129.

Articles published in non-refereed journals and conference proceedings

“The Origins of the Great Wall.” *The Silk Road*, 4.1 (2006), pp. 14-19.

“La guerra nella storia cinese.” *Palomar* 4 (2001), pp. 24-32.

“Technology and Manchu Power: Reflections on the ‘Military Revolution’ in

Seventeenth-Century China." [Abstract only] *Proceedings of the the 19th International Congress of Historical Sciences* (Oslo 6-13 August, 2000).

"A Manchu Patent in the Oriental Collection of the Newark Museum," in *Altaica Osloensia. Proceedings of the 32nd Meeting of the Permanent International Altaistic Conference, at Oslo, June 1989*, ed. Bernt Brendemoen. Oslo: Norwegian University Press, (1990), pp. 103-112.

"A Note on the Tana Route and International Trade in the 15th Century," in *Aspects of Altaic Civilization III. Proceedings of the 30th Meeting of the Permanent International Altaistic Conference, at Bloomington, Indiana, USA, June 1987*, ed. Denis Sinor. Bloomington: Research Institute for Inner Asian Studies, (1990), pp. 20-32.

"A Russian Envoy to Khiva: the Italian Diary of Florio Beneveni," in *Proceedings of the 28th Meeting of the Permanent International Altaistic Conference, at Venice, Italy, July 1985*, ed. Giovanni Stary. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, (1989), pp. 73-114.

"A Manchu Fragment on the Medical Treatment Given by the Italian Jesuit Giovanni Giuseppe Da Costa to Yin-ssu, Eighth Son of K'ang-hsi," in *Religious and Lay Symbolism in the Altaic World and Other Papers. Proceedings of the 27th Meeting of the Permanent International Altaistic Conference, at Walberberg, Germany, June 1984*, ed. Klaus Sagaster. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, (1989), pp. 100-108.

Review articles

"Review Article: A Comparative Model of War and State Formation." *The International History Review* 28.4 (December 2006), pp. 794-97.

"The Qing Dynasty and the Sinicization Thesis; On Evelyn Rawski's *The Last Emperors: A Social History of Qing Imperial Institutions*, and Pamela Crossley's *A Translucent Mirror: History and Identity in Qing Imperial Ideology*." *New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies* 2.2 (December 2000): 149-156.

"Victor H. Mair, Editor. *The Bronze Age and Early Iron Age Peoples of Eastern Central Asia*. 2 vols. Washington, D.C. The Institute for the Study of Man, 1998." *Early China* 23-24 (1998-99): 339-52.

"New Directions in Inner Asian History: A Review Article." *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 42.2 (May 1999): 247-63. (See comments below in Note on Major Research Contributions)

"Franke, Herbert and Twitchett, Denis, eds. *Alien Regimes and Border States*, 907-1368. Vol. 6 of *The Cambridge History of China*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994)." *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*, 56.2 (December 1996): 493-508.

Book reviews (select list)

Chang, Michael G. *A Court on Horseback: Imperial Touring and the Construction of Qing Rule, 1680-1785*. Reviewed in *Journal of Chinese Studies* 49 (2009): 451-54.

Beckwith, Christopher I. *Empires of the Silk Road: a history of Central Eurasia from the Bronze Age to the present*. Reviewed in *Journal of Global History* 2009.4: 510-12.

Allsen, Thomas T. *Culture and Conquest in Mongol Eurasia*. Reviewed in *Central Asiatic Journal* 47.1 (2003): 128-30.

Bartlett, Beatrice. *Monarchs and Ministers. The Grand Council in Mid-Ch'ing China, 1723-1820*. Reviewed in *Journal of Asian History* 28.2 (1994): 187-189.

Chan, Hok-Lam. *The Fall of the Jurchen Chin. Wang E's Memoir on Ts'ai-Chou Under the Mongol's Siege (1233-1234)*. Reviewed in *Central Asiatic Journal* 39.1 (1995): 140-142.

Chang, Chun-shu, *The Rise of the Chinese Empire*, 2 vols. Reviewed in *The Journal of Asian Studies* 67.1 (2008), pp. 263-266.

Coox, Alvin D. *Nomonhan: Japan Against Russia 1939*. Reviewed in *Mongolian Studies* vol. XIII (1989): 125-128.

Cotton, James. *Asian Frontier Nationalism: Owen Lattimore and the American Policy Debate*. Reviewed in *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* vol. LIV (1991): 205-206.

Crossley, Pamela K. *Orphan Warriors: Three Manchu Generations at the End of the Ch'ing World* Reviewed in *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* vol. LIV (1991): 618-19.

Crossley, Pamela K. *The Manchus*. Reviewed in *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 42.4 (1999): 589-91.

Dabringhaus, Sabine. *Das Qing-Imperium als Vision und Wirklichkeit: Tibet in Laufbahn und Schriften des Song Yun (1752-1835)*. Reviewed in *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, 1996.

Farquhar, David M. *The Government of China under Mongolian Rule. A Reference Guide*.

Reviewed in *Mongolian Studies* 16 (1993): 83-92.

Franke, Herbert and Twitchett, Denis, eds. *Alien Regimes and Border States*, 907-1368. Vol. 6 of *The Cambridge History of China*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994). In *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies* 56.2 (December 1996): 493-508.

Franke, Herbert, *Krieg und Krieger im chinesischen Mittelalter (12. bis 14. Jahrhundert): Drei Studien*. Reviewed in *The International History Review* XXVII, no. 1 (March 2005): 119-122.

Golden, Peter B. *Nomads and Their Neighbours in the Russian Steppe*. Reviewed in *Central Asiatic Journal* 48 (2004), pp. 142-44.

Harrell, Stevan, ed. *Cultural Encounters on China's Ethnic Frontiers*. Reviewed in *Central Asian Survey* 15.2 (1996): 313-15.

Janhunen, Juha. *Manchuria: an ethnic history*. Reviewed in *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 62.1 (1999): 180-82.

Kane, Daniel. *The Sino-Jurchen Vocabulary of the Bureau of Interpreters*. Reviewed in *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* vol. LIII (1990): 553-555.

Mallory, J.P. and Victor H. Mair. *The Tarim Mummies: Ancient China and the Mystery of the Earliest Peoples from the West*. Reviewed in *Journal of Anthropological Research* 58.2 (2002).

Millward, James A., Ruth W. Dunnell, Mark C. Elliot, and Philippe Foret, eds. *New Qing Imperial History: The Making of Inner Asian Empire at Qing Chengde*. Reviewed in *The Journal of Asian Studies* 66.2 (2007), pp. 550-552.

Okada, Hidehiro. *Sekaiishi no tanjo*. Reviewed in *Journal of Asian History* 28.1 (1994): 58-59.

Pulleyblank, Edwin G. *Central Asia and Non-Chinese Peoples of Ancient China*. Reviewed in *The International History Review* 25.1 (2003): 126-28.

Rhoads, Edward J. M. *Manchus and Han: Ethnic Relations and Political Power in Late Qing and Early Republican China, 1821-1928*. In *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 65.2 (June 2002): 457-58.

Sinor, Denis, ed. *The Cambridge History of Early Inner Asia*. Reviewed in *History* 76, no. 247 (June 1991): 259-60.

So Jenny F. and Emma C. Bunker. *Traders and Raiders on China's Northern Frontier*. Reviewed in *Ars Orientalis* 27 (1997): 142-3.

Soucek, Svat. *A History of Inner Asia*. Reviewed in *New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies* 3.1 (June 2001): 151-53.

Thomas, Nicholas. *Colonialism's Culture: Anthropology, Travel and Government*. Reviewed in *Journal of Asian History* 29.1 (1995): 82-83.

Tracy, James D., ed. *The Political Economy of Merchant Empires. State Power and World Trade 1350-1750*. Reviewed in *Journal of Asian History* 27.2 (1993): 176-78.

Vásáry, István. *Cumans and Tatars: Oriental Military in the Pre-Ottoman Balkans, 1185-1365*. Reviewed in *Central Asiatic Journal* 50.1 (2006): 151-153.

Waldron, Arthur. *The Great Wall of China. From History to Myth*. Reviewed in *History* 77 (1992): 264-5.

Zanier, Claudio, *Where the Roads Met: East and West in the Silk Production Processes (17th to 19th Century)*. Reviewed in *Isis* 88.1 (1997): 130-31.

Select list of recent lectures, seminars and talks (2008-12)

April 12-14, 2012. Conference on “Conceptions of Truth and the Unity of Knowledge.”
Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study: *How Did Chinese Culture Organize Its Forms of Historical Knowledge?*

November 30, 2011, University of Venice, Doctoral School Inaugural Day: *Lo storico e il futuro del mondo antico: riflessioni sul rapporto tra storia e scienza.*”

November 29, 2011. University of Venice – Historical Studies Lecture: *Riflessioni sulla “New Qing History”: metodo e contenuti di un nuovo corso storiografico per la Cina del tardo impero.*

November 4-6, 2011. Centre for Studies in Asian Cultures and Social Anthropology, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna. “Roundtable on the nature of the Mongol empire and its legacy with respect to political and spiritual relations among Asian leaders and polities” – *The notion of ‘tutelage’ in relations between Manchus and Mongols before the conquest of China.*

March 2009, Italian School of East Asian Studies and Kyoto University Center for Eurasian Cultural Studies – *A Contested Legacy: The Mongol Factor in the Manchu Conquest of China.*

May 2009, Tōhō Gakkai (Institute of Eastern Culture), 54th International Conference of Eastern Studies, Tokyo – *The Principle of Tutelage in the Formation of the Qing Empire.*

May 2009, University of Padova – *Agli Albori della Globalizzazione nella Cina del ‘600: Argento Cannoni, Rivoluzioni.*

May 2009, Kansai University, Institute for Cultural Interaction Studies – *The Manchu Idea of “Just War” in Cross-Cultural Perspective*

June 2009, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Research Institute for the Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa – *The Manchu Understanding of the “Just War” in Comparative perspective.*

June 2009, Hitotsubashi University – *Manchurian globalization before the conquest of China: Economic and Military Aspects.*

July 2009, Osaka University, Society for Manchu History, 24th Meeting – *Nurhaci’s Seven Great Grievances in Martino Martini’s De Bello Tartarico.*

November 2008, Johns Hopkins University History Department – *Before the Conquest: Opportunity and Choice in the Construction of Manchu Power.*

November 2008, Columbia University Department of East Asian Studies – *What was the Lifan Yuan? Colonial Practice and Imperial Ideology in the Early Qing.*