





Dialogues between ancient Western Asia and us. Untold stories from Italian collections and archives (DiWA)

International Workshop PRIN 2022 PNRR - Friday, 17 October 2025 - CNR, Piazzale Aldo Moro 7, Rome



Welcome Address

9:00 Costanza Miliani

Introduction to the Workshop

9:15 Silvia Alaura

The Project DiWA: From Objective To Result

Keynote Lecture

9:45 Filiz Tütüncü Çağlar

The Ottomans Read Homer Too: How the Imperial Museum in Istanbul Engaged with Antiquity (Besides Losing It)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

Session 1 – Glimpses from the Archives of Ancient Western Asia Collections (Chair: Anna Consonni)

11:00 Nadia Ait Said-Ghanem

Women Art Dealers in 19th century Baghdad: the case of Mrs Ferida Antone Shamas

11:30 Elena Devecchi

Buying Mesopotamian Antiquities in Paris, 1921: Reconstructing the Acquisition History of the Turin Collection

12:00 Silvia Alaura, Fiammetta Gori

Western Asia Collection in Florence (MAF) between Antiquity Dealers and Archaeological Expeditions

12:30 - 14:30 Lunch Break

Session 2 – Interdisciplinary Approaches to Ancient Western Asia Collections (Chair: Marco Bonechi)

14:30 Ariane Thomas, Clélia Paladre

Bringing the Louvre Ancient Near Eastern Collections to a new Life: from Archives and 3D Projects to New Galleries

15:00 Stefano de Martino

High-definition Archaeological Artefacts: Oriental Finds from Musei Reali (Turin) and from Other Collections

15:30 Amalia Catagnoti, Candida Felli, Tatiana Pedrazzi, Claudia Conti Looking into details: an analytical approach to the study of Western Asia antiquities from the MAF collection

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

Session 3 – Towards a new Presentation and Fruition of Ancient Western Asia Collections (Chair: Stefania Ermidoro)

16:30 Laura Giuliano

Waiting for the reopening of the Asian Galleries at the Museo delle Civiltà, Rome: EUR_Asia, an exhibition in progress

17:00 Rossana Damiano

Presentation of the joint Virtual Exhibition of the MAT & MAF Collections "La Mesopotamia in mostra: un viaggio virtuale tra le collezioni di Torino e Firenze". Design notes and development directions

17:30 Luca Peyronel

Mesopotamian Collections between Intercultural Dialogue and Inclusive Storytelling: Methodological Reflections in a Post-Colonial Perspective

Concluding Remarks

18:00 Silvia Alaura, Amalia Catagnoti, Elena Devecchi, Luca Peyronel



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