Though well aware of the risks that we incur into by applying to Asia a terminology developed for the periodization of western cultural history, we would like to challenge the concept of the uniqueness and exceptionality of the European Renaissance and explore the possibility that there might have been renaissances—or renascences—also in different Asian cultures.
Monday, April 9th 2018

09:00-10:00  **Keynote discussion:**  
Nikoloz Aleksidze (University of Oxford), Francesca Gorgoni (Rothschild Foundation-Israeli National Library), Camillo Formigatti (Bodleian Libraries, Oxford).

10:00-13:40  **Reiterating the Renaissance – Possibilities and impossibilities of an implicit comparison.**  
Convener: Antony Pattathu  
*Speakers:* Elizaveta Ilves (University of Heidelberg), Borayin Larios (University of Heidelberg), Antony Pattathu (University of Tübingen), Rainer Kimmig (University of Tübingen).

13:40-15:00  Lunch Break

15:00-17:50  **Renaissances vs Re-creation in performative arts: Music, Film, Dance.**  
Convener: Erika Caranti  
*Speakers:* Pradnya Bivalkar (Media Representative India - Germany, University of Tübingen), Erika Caranti (University of Tübingen), Lara Pearson (Max-Planck-Institute for Empirical Aesthetics).

Tuesday, April 10th 2018

09:00-13:30  **The “Golden Ages” of the Indian Subcontinent.**  
Convener: Isabella Nardi.  
*Speakers:* Daniela de Simone (British Museum), Anna Dallapiccola (University of Edinburgh), Laura E. Parodi (University of Genova), Anna Ślączka (Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam), Isabella Nardi (Independent Researcher).

13:30-15:00  Lunch Break

15:00-17:50  **For the Sake of Another. Altruism in South Asian Religions and Philosophies.**  
Convener: Marco Ferrante  
*Speakers:* Marco Ferrante (Austrian Academy of Sciences), Elisa Freschi (Austrian Academy of Sciences), Cristina Pecchia (Austrian Academy of Sciences).

Wednesday, April 11th 2018

09:30-13:00  **Renaissance in South India? From the little kingdoms and to the Vijayanagara empire.**  
Convener: Cristina Bignami, Elena Mucciarelli  
*Speakers:* Cristina Bignami (University of Tübingen), Florinda De Simini (University of Napoli), Elena Mucciarelli (Hebrew University, Martin Buber Society), Marcus Schmücker (Austrian Academy of Sciences), Lennart Bes (University of Leiden).

13:00-13:30  **Conclusive Remarks**