

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF SINOLOGICAL LIBRARIANS

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE Venice (Venezia), 9-11 September 2009

March 24, 2009

Dear Colleagues,

Arrangements for the next EASL conference in Venice, Italy, are now being made. The sessions will take place at the Department of East-Asian Studies of Ca' Foscari University of Venice, starting from Wednesday September 9 at 9.30am through Friday afternoon, September 11, 2009.

Please find included below a letter from Attilio Andreini, who will be our host, with information about the city, travel, and hotel reservation. For those who would like to attend, please follow Attilio's instructions for hotel bookings AS SOON AS POSSIBLE because Venice will be such a busy place in September. Reservations should be free. It is advised that you should make your bookings even if you haven't made your final decision yet. Late bookings can be very expensive. **Please let me know if you have tried these hotels but still haven't been able to make the appropriate booking.** Attilio has kindly offered to provide further help.

Please send your suggestions for the agenda to our Chairman Hanno Lecher (h.e.lecher@let.leidenuniv.nl). We hope you can contribute to the meeting with presentations and discussion topics. If you have any special requirement for computer facilities, please let me know. Minutes for the previous conferences are at <http://www.easl.org/min.html>.

We would like to know how many of you will attend the EASL meeting in Venice. **Could you therefore please reply to me by email (shenxiao.tong@ed.ac.uk) with the following details, once you know whether you will attend? An early indication would be helpful and appreciated:**

- Your full name
- Whether you will/might/cannot attend
- Your institution and contact details

Look forward to meeting many of you in Venice!

With best wishes,

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Dear Friends,

Our 2009 meeting will take place at the Department of East-Asian Studies of Ca' Foscari University of Venice, lodged in a beautiful 16th century building named Palazzo Vendramin dei Carmini, Dorsoduro 3462, located within walking distance from both the Railway Station (Ferrovia, Santa Lucia) and the Bus-taxi station (Piazzale Roma) and very close to Campo S. Margherita, the pulsing heart of the city (see the attached jpg file for details).

The Department of East Asian Studies

The Department of East Asian Studies was created at the beginning of the 2000's by merging the Institute of Japanese Studies and the Institute of Chinese Studies; at the same time, the respective libraries were merged into the Library of the new Department of East Asian Studies.

Our library is among the most important and largest library of its kind in Italy, and the Chinese collection focuses on history, religion and thought, linguistics, literature, art, economy and law of China.

Weather

September is a very good time to be in Venezia, ususally we have warm and sunny weather. Here you will find more information (also in English):
<http://italian.wunderground.com/global/stations/16105.html>

Travel Instructions

Venezia's Airport (Marco Polo International Airport at Tessera) is on the mainland just north of Venice, is a 20-minute road trip from the city's Piazzale Roma. Two different bus routes are available, and both are inexpensive:

1) ATVO Fly Bus (blue coach)

This bus costs €3,00 and is handy if you're carrying more than one suitcase or backpack, since it has a luggage compartment underneath where the driver will stow your bags. You may also want to take this bus early or late in the day, when local commuters are riding the public bus. The stop is located between the Arrivals terminal and the Departures area. (Caution: Buses for Padova and certain other locations are also blue, so look for the "Venezia" sign before boarding.)

You can buy tickets at the ATVO counter in the arrivals hall (open 8 a.m. to midnight), from the ticket machines in the baggage-claim area, or from a ticket machine in the bus departure area.

Travel time to the Piazzale Roma is 20 minutes. For more information, including timetables, see the ATVO Web site's Airport Service page.

Note: To take the bus from Venice to the airport, buy a ticket at the ATVO Bus Terminal in the Piazzale Roma and walk to the D2 bus bay, where you'll see signs for the ATVO airport buses to both the Venice and Treviso airports. Board the bus for Marco Polo Airport. (ATVO's Treviso buses are for Ryanair and Transavia flights.)

2) Actv (public bus)

Actv's No. 5 bus runs frequently from about 4 a.m. until midnight and costs €1,10. If your luggage is minimal and you aren't traveling at rush hour, this public bus is a cheap way to reach the city. However, you'll need to take your bags into the bus with you, and there are no luggage racks.

You can buy tickets at the public-transportation booth in the arrivals terminal, which also sells 12- to 72-hour Actv tourist tickets, ATVO blue bus tickets, etc.

Once you have your ticket, head for the sidewalk in front of the terminal and look for the Actv stop. Validate your ticket in the stamping machine next to the bus stop. Wait for the No. 5 bus. (The route number and destination are shown on an LED display on the front of the bus.)

Board the #5 bus via the front door. The bus will stop a number of times on the 20-minute trip into Venice, so stay on board until you've crossed the causeway and reached the end of the line. For more information, visit the Actv Web site (<http://www.actv.it/>).

Trip back from Piazzale Roma to Venice Marco Polo Airport buses:

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You can even reach Venezia by Venice Airport Boat, the **Alilaguna** Waterbus.

Alilaguna routes

During the daytime, five or six Alilaguna lines are normally in operation, depending on the season and Alilaguna's current scheduling whims:

BLU Line (Airport-San Marco Giardinetti), with intermediate stops at Murano Colonna, Fondamenta Nove, the Lido, and San Zaccaria. (Note: A few boats don't stop at San Zaccaria.)

BLU Line (San Marco Giardinetti-Stazione Marittima), for cruise passengers arriving at San Marco Giardinetti from the airport. This boat does not run year-round, and service is sporadic, so check the current Alilaguna timetable just before your arrival in Venice if you need to reach a cruise ship. (See timetable link on page 3).

Linea ORO or Gold Line (Airport-San Marco Giardinetti), with an intermediate stop at San Zaccaria.

RED LINE (Airport-Zattere), with intermediate stops at San Marco Giardinetti, Arsenale, Lido, and Murano Museo.

Linea ARANCIO or Orange Line (Airport-San Angelo) with intermediate stops at Murano Colonna, Madonna Dell'Orto, Guglie, and Rialto.

*Tip: If all of the above seems confusing, just go to the Alilaguna ticket booth, show the location of your hotel on a map, and let the ticket clerk decide which boat you need to catch.

Fares

Basic adult fares range from 6 to 12 euros, depending on distance, with a top fare of 25 euros for the express Linea Oro boat between the airport and San Marco Giardinetti. You'll pay an extra euro if you buy your ticket on board.

Note: Some versions of the Venice Connected pass (formerly the Venice Card) include Alilaguna airport transportation, but the pricing scheme is so frustrating that you may prefer to simply buy a boat ticket.

For up-to-date airport-boat timetables, fares, and a route map, click the Alilaguna link:

<http://www.alilaguna.it/?lang=en>

Venice Water Taxis

The fare between Marco Polo Airport and a hotel in central Venice averages €90 to €100, depending on location, and a trip within the historic center can easily cost €30 or more, especially if you're paying the surcharge for ordering a water taxi by telephone.

Still, water taxis can hold up to 10 people, and the cost per person can be reasonable if you're splitting the fare with family or friends. Water taxis are also faster than public airport transportation, since you don't have to transfer to a vaporetto or walk a long way to your hotel when you arrive in the city. (Figure about half an hour for the trip between Venice Marco Polo Airport and a waterside hotel in the city center.)

How to hire a water taxi

At Venice's Marco Polo Airport, you'll find a water-taxi ticket booth near the end of a covered walkway from the arrivals hall.

At the Venice Santa Lucia Railway Station, the Piazzale Roma, and the Tronchetto parking island, water taxis are down by the water.

In Venice, you can summon a water taxi by phoning the Consorzio Motoscafi Venezia at 041 522 2303 (24 hours a day) or e-mailing info@motoscafivenezia.it. Ask for a fare quotation before booking. (The Consorzio is a cooperative of water-taxi operators, with a fleet of more than 100 boats at its disposal.)

Warnings

* If you hire a water taxi through your hotel concierge or a travel agent, ask for a fare quotation before booking. Mark-ups can be outrageous.

* Licensed water taxis have a yellow stripe with a license number. Be cautious in dealing with unlicensed taxi operators (especially on the parking island of Tronchetto, where crooks posing as "official" water-taxi drivers prey on unsuspecting tourists).

Visa

Italy is a member of EU and of the Schengen Treaty. Nationals in the majority of countries outside the EU will require a visa.

Accommodation

Accommodation in the following hotels/pensions has been preliminary booked (If you haven't booked yet, please do it ASAP!).

Collegio Armeno Moorat - Raphael (just in front of our Department)

Dorsoduro 2596, Venezia, 30123, Italia

E-mail: info@collegioarmeno.it

Tel: +(39) 041-5228770

Fax: +(39) 041-5203434

<http://www.collegioarmeno.com>

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Hotel Alex

(San Polo, 2606 - 30125 Venice - Italy - Ph./Fax +39 041 5231341 - VAT IT03085970279) Close to the Frari Church

<http://www.hotelalexinvenice.com/EN/index.htm>

Single rooms (3-4, bathroom to share) are available at 50-60 euros, double (to be considered as "big single room"...) are available at 70-80 euros.

Please, write ASAP to:

mariofiorentini@libero.it

or

info@hotelalexinvenice.com

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Hotel Arlecchino

Fondamenta Delle Burchielle Santa Croce 390 · 30135 Venezia, Italia

Very close to Piazzale Roma

7 single rooms

<http://www.hotelarlecchino.com/it/index.htm>

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I look forward to hearing from you

Best

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