

CALL FOR PAPERS

## **Giuseppe Tucci, his adventurous life, and his scholarly legacy**

An academic conference co-organised by the University of Hong Kong and Italian Cultural Institute and hosted by the University of Hong Kong on 5 August 2022 (on-site/online)

Giuseppe Tucci (1894–1984) is one of the few polymaths of the long twentieth century. His scholarship encompasses a wide range of topics that reach well beyond the narrow research field of Tibetology. Since then, the interest of a younger generations of Asian and foreign scholars in both religious and historical studies grew, and Tucci's scholarly field continues to develop and to have impact in academia and beyond.

Bringing together scholars from across the world and from a perspective of cross-cultural exchange, our symposium aims to highlight Tucci's lasting contribution to Buddhist studies, with a particular focus on his leading role in bridging the cultures of the West and East. We also hope to transcend the boundary between the academy and general public by analysing recent developments in Buddhist scholarship that have led to novel cultural as well as artistic expressions in an increasingly globalized world.

The organisers welcome proposals for presentation of original and unpublished research on any topic related to Tucci, including but not limited to his legendary career path, the translation and dissemination of his works in Asia, as well as the academic reassessment of his scholarly contribution. We address scholars in Sinology, Tibetology, Buddhist studies, Sanskrit studies, linguistics, art history, cross-cultural studies, and the history of the Silk Road with the goal to foreground Tucci's legacy, as well as the continuous relevance of his mode of research for today's Western Buddhologists who follow in his footsteps by conducting fieldwork in Asian localities.

We anticipate contributors giving presentations of 25-30 minutes, and ask that proposals for papers include a title, an abstract of 300 words, and a brief bio of the speaker. This symposium aims to be as inclusive as possible and encourages participation from around the globe. As such the sessions and activities will be a mixture of on-site events in Hong Kong with remote and/or asynchronous participation welcome. The conference will be broadcast via Zoom on Hong Kong time. We anticipate publishing the conference proceedings.

Deadline for paper proposals: 8 November 2021

Selection of papers: 12 November 2021

Conference: 5 August 2022

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