21 May

13:45 Refreshments

14:00 – Opening remarks – Yigal Bronner, Director of the Martin Buber Society of Fellows at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (MBSF)

14:15-16:15 – The Ritual of Power, the Power of Ritual

Nicole Hochner (The Hebrew University)
“The Royal Entry as a Mirror of Prince in Late Medieval France: A Space of Praise and Admonishment”

David Kertai (MBSF, The Hebrew University)
“The Historical Role of the Crown Prince in the Late Assyrian Court”

Ma Xiaolin (Nankai University)
“Practicing the Ideology of the Mongol Empire: Insights from the Ritual Parts of the Jingshi dadian”

Discussant: David Shulman (The Hebrew University)
Chair: Elena Mucciarelli (MBSF, The Hebrew University)

16:15-16:45 Coffee Break

16:45-18:00 Keynote

Patrick Olivelle
(The University of Texas at Austin)
Pañcatantra and Arthashastra: Indian Statecraft Between Fable and Treatise

Conveners:
Nicole Hochner (The Hebrew University)
Francesca Fiaschetti (MBSF, The Hebrew University)

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10:00-12:00 – Statecraft and Mongol Eurasia

Francesca Fiaschetti (MBSF, The Hebrew University)
“Statecraft under the Mongols: The Jingshi dadian, Its Models and Tradition”

Christopher Atwood (University of Pennsylvania)
“The Jingshi dadian as Yuan History: Putting Its Composition in Historical Context”

Kenya Watanabe (Tohoku University)
“A New Perspective on the Jingshi dadian— the Yuanshi 元史 Quoted by the Yongle dadian 永樂大典”, Jingshi dadian jiben 經世大典輯本”

Discussant: Michael Biran (The Hebrew University)
Chair: Or Amir (The Hebrew University)

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-14:30 - Metaphors and Ideologies

Alessia Zubani (University of Bologna / ÉPHÉ)
“The Alliance between Throne and Altar: A Sassanian Lesson on Statecraft in Islamic Mirrors for Princes”

Yakir Paz (MBSF, The Hebrew University)
“An Animal Mirror for Princes: Kalila and Demna in the Sasanian Empire”

Discussant: Nitzan Rothem (Ben-Gurion University)
Chair: Yonatan N. Gez (MBSF, The Hebrew University)

14:30-15:00 Coffee Break

15:00-17:00 - Makers of History, Writers of History

Francesco Calzolai (Ca’ Foscari University of Venice)
“What Can’t a Text Do? The Many Readings of Sadid al-Din ‘Awfī’s Jawāmi’ al-hikāyāt”

Qiu Zhirong (Peking University)
“Previously Unidentified Jingshi dadian Materials under the Title of Yuanshi in the Yongle dadian”

Mao Haiming (Yuelu Academy / The Hebrew University)
“The Discussion of the Events in the 2nd Year of zhongtong 經世 in the Biography of Koryo in the Yuanshi 元史 and Jingshi dadian 經世大典”

Discussant: Francesca Fiaschetti (MBSF, The Hebrew University)
Chair: Dror Weil (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science)