

***GOLDEN AGES:
UNIVERSAL HISTORIES AND THE ORIGINS OF SCIENCE***

Second Floor Common Room, Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University

Friday 9 December

9:30 Welcoming remarks

**9:45- 11:15 OBLIVION AND
PROGRESS**

Tamara Griggs, *Harvard University*,
“Post-Diluvian Oblivion”

John Tresch, *University of Pennsylvania*
““The Golden Age is Before Us”:
Saint-Simon and the Natural History
of Science”

*Discussant: Pamela Smith, Columbia
University*



11:30-1:00 INVENTION AND INDUSTRY

Lissa Roberts, *University of Twente*, “Pastoral Productivity: Images of Industry and the Dutch Golden Age”

Matthew Jones, *Columbia University*, “Invention, Mere Imitation and Virtuous Emulation in the Eighteenth Century”

Discussant: Hal Cook, Brown University

1:00 LUNCH

2:00- 3:45 THE PROBLEM OF DECLINE

George Saliba, *Columbia University*, “Beyond the Golden Age of Arabic Science”

Cemil Aydin, *George Mason University*, “On the Global Loop of Scientific Golden Age (and Decline) Narrative for Muslim Societies”

Michael Dodson, *Indiana University*, “Architecture, Modernity, and Sacrality in India”

Discussant: Projit Mukharji, University of Pennsylvania

4:00-5:30 KNOWLEDGE IN CHINA

Ori Sela, *Tel Aviv University*, “Changing Orientations: Perceptions of the Nexus between Knowledge and Antiquity in China, 1670-1930”

Erik Hammerstrom, *Pacific Lutheran University*, “Buddhist Promotion of Science-as-Revolution in post May Fourth China”

Discussant: Eugenia Lean, Columbia University

6:30 DINNER

Saturday 10 December

10:00-11:30 INTERNATIONALISM

Alex Csizar, *Harvard University*, “George Sarton, the Virtues of Print, and the Origins of Progress”

Geert Somsen, *Maastricht University*, “Diplomacy and Historiography: Andrew Dickson White

Discussant: Steven Shapin, Harvard University

11:45- 12:30 COLD WAR UNIVERSALISM

Fa-ti Fan, *Binghamton University*, “Historiography of Chinese Science in 20th-Century China: Science, Nation, and Civilization”

James Delbourgo, *Rutgers University*, “Benjamin Franklin's 18th and 20th Century Enlightenments”

Discussant: Samuel Moyn, Columbia University