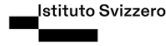




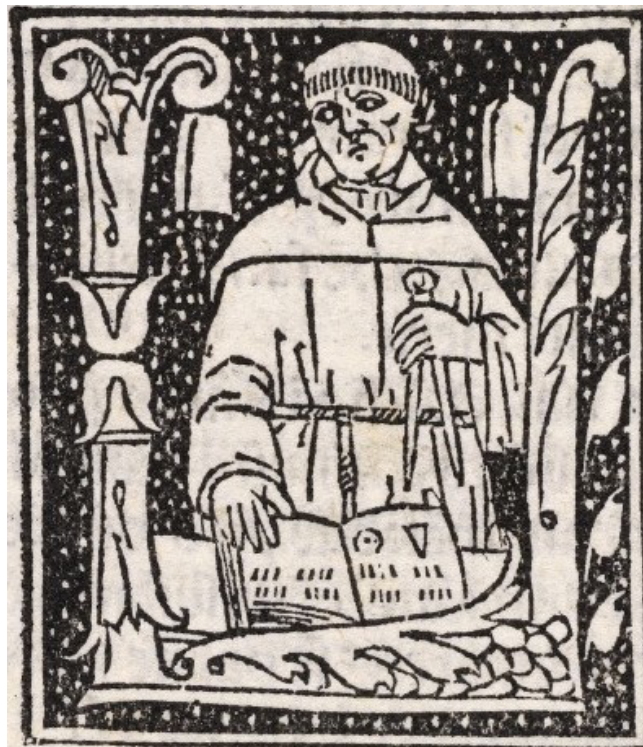
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Accounting Practices and Religious Orders in Missionary Territories

Catholic overseas missions developed in a context of European territorial and commercial expansion. Recent studies have highlighted the significance of missionary involvement in commercial activities both at the global and local levels. The contributions to this conference build on this novel historiography by focusing on a specific type of sources, namely missionary account books. How specific were the missionary accounting practices which were mostly in the hands of regular clerics who were supposed to be devoted to a life in poverty? How did they differ from the practices of other economic agents such as merchants? More broadly, by asking these questions, the purpose is to contribute to the discussion about how to conceive the relation between religious confession and economy and, in particular, the growth and development of capitalism.



Friar Luca Pacioli (woodcut from his *Summa de Arithmetica*, Venice 1494)

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 24 January 2024

Conference venue: Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche dell'Università degli Studi di Roma Tre - IV piano, Via Gabriello Chiabrera 199, 00145 Roma

Registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.it/e/biglietti-accounting-practices-and-religious-orders-in-missionary-territories-777546290887?aff=oddtcreator>

9.30 to 10.00 am: Felicita Tramontana (Rome), H  l  ne Vu Thanh (Lorient/Paris), Christian Windler (Bern), *Welcome and Introduction*

10.00 to 10.45 am: Alexander Schunka (Berlin), *Money Matters: Fundraising Journeys among European Protestants in the Early Modern Era*

10.45 to 11.15 am: Coffee break

11.15-12.00 am: Christian Windler (Bern), *Missionary Economy, Accounting Practices and 'Glocal' Entanglements in a Cosmopolitan Port City: The Discalced Carmelites in Basra (Eighteenth Century)*

12.00 to 12.30 pm: Bernard Heyberger (Paris), *Comment*

12.45 pm: Lunch at Osteria Andreoli, Via Gabriello Chiabrera 111, 00145 Roma (only for speakers and discussants)

2.30 to 3.15 pm: Frederik Vermote (Monterey Bay), *The Accounting of Jesuit Missions in China: Fighting over French Financial Assets in Beijing, 1773–1782*

3.15 to 4.00 pm: Juan Jos   Rivas Moreno (London), *Profit in Piety: The Co-optation of Manila's Transpacific Trade into Missionary Efforts in Asia, 1733–1797*

4.00 to 4.30 pm: Coffee break

4.30 to 5.15 pm: Eugenio Menegon (Boston), *Center and Periphery: Propaganda Fide's Accounting Practices in the Eighteenth-Century China Mission (via Teams)*

5.15 to 6.00 pm: H  l  ne Vu Thanh (Lorient/Paris), *Managing Finances at a Global Scale: Examining the Jesuit Japan Mission through its Accounting Documents*

6.00 to 6.30 pm: Gaetano Sabatini (Rome) *Comment*

7.30 pm: Dinner at Modo, Via Ostiense, 415, 00146 Roma (only for speakers and discussants)

Thursday, 25th January 2024

Conference venue: Istituto Svizzero, Sala Elvezia, entrance to the conference hall: Via Liguria 20, 00187 Roma

Registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.it/e/biglietti-accounting-practices-and-religious-orders-in-missionary-territories-777544876657?aff=oddtcreator>

9.30 to 10.15 am: Andrew Dial (Jefferson City), *Accounting for Failure: Investigating the Lavalette Affair*

10.15 to 10.45 am: *Coffee break*

10.45 to 11.30 am: Felicita Tramontana (Rome), *No Global? The Global Expansion of Catholicism and the Custody of the Holy Land through Franciscan Account Books (Seventeenth Century)*

11.30 to 12.15 pm: Nicolas Rogger (Bern), *'Spiritual Fathers' as Secular Bookkeepers: Capuchin Accounting Practices in Europe and the Missions (1600–1800)*

12.15 to 12.45 pm: Simon Ditchfield (York), *Comment*

12.45 to 1.15 pm: Final discussion

1.30 to 4.00 pm: *only for the authors of the contributions to the Journal special issue: lunch and meeting at the Istituto Svizzero*

8 pm: *Dinner at the Trattoria del Cavalier Gino, Vicolo Rosini 4, 00186 Roma (only for speakers and discussants)*

Scientific and organizing committee: Manuel Capomaccio, Rebecca Carnevali, Felicita Tramontana, H el ene Vu Thanh, and Christian Windler

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