



# The Sea as a Space for Encounters: Europe and *Asia*

Embarking on a new cycle of inquiry into how the sea has historically functioned - and continues to function - as a conduit for the convergence of peoples, the exchange of knowledge, and cultural interaction, in 2025 we will focus our reflections on the establishment of contacts, encounters, and mis-encounters between European and Asian realms throughout the centuries. The Seas of Asia have, since time immemorial, underpinned the formation and consolidation of diverse networks and communities spanning technological, economic, social, political, and cultural spheres.

The IV International Symposium on the History of Asia, organised by the Maritime Academy through its Maritime History Class and held under the theme “The Sea as a Space for Encounters: Europe and *Asia*”, will take place in Lisbon at the “Almirante Rogério de Oliveira” Auditorium from 25 to 27 November 2025.

The symposium will address the following topics:

- The concept of the Asian Seas and the art of navigation;
- Voyages from Europe to *Asia*;
- Cultural and technological interactions;
- Economic, social, and politico-military impacts.

Submissions for paper presentations should include a title, an abstract (up to 1,700 characters, excluding spaces), a concise bio note (maximum 15 lines), and must be submitted by 18 July 2025. Notification of acceptance will be provided by the Scientific Committee by 29 July 2025.

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