

# INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

**4. CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF  
FERDINAND VERBIEST S. J.**

**9.10.1623 – 28.1.1688**

**MONDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2023**

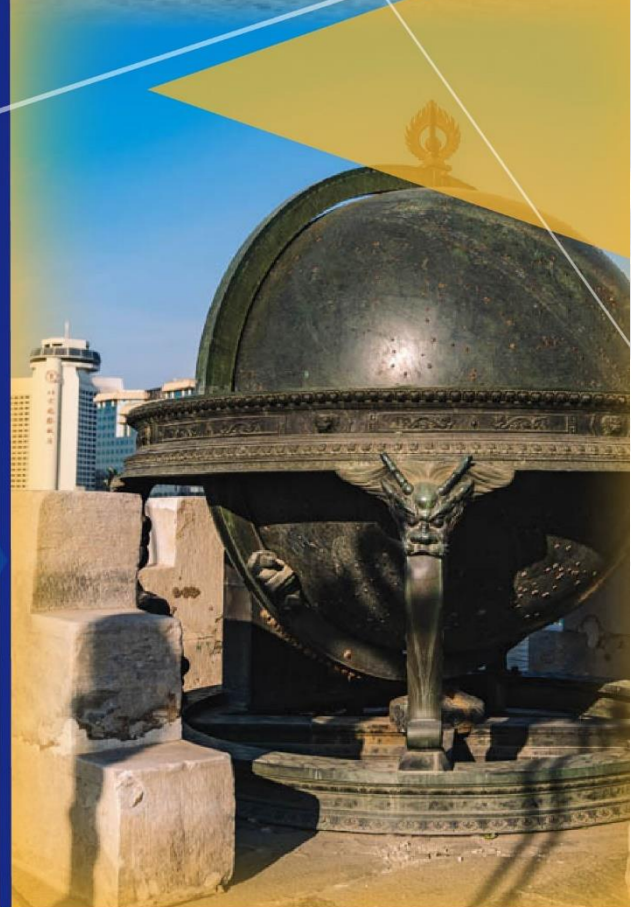


## EXPLORING THE MYSTERIES OF HEAVEN

WITH

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Time	Topic	Host / Speaker(s)
11:00 – 13:30	Exhibition of the Verbiest collection & Ron Anton Library of The Beijing Center for Chinese Studies Light Lunch at The Beijing Center for Chinese Studies	H.E. The Ambassador of Belgium & Prof. Dr. Simon Koo <i>Director of The Beijing Center for Chinese Studies</i>
13:30	Departure to the Ancient Observatory	
14:15-15:00	Visit to the Ancient Observatory	
15:00	Departure from the Ancient Observatory to the Yale Center Beijing	
15:30-16:00	Tea and Coffee break at the Yale Center Beijing Group Picture	
16:00-19:00	Hybrid Conference at the Yale Center Beijing through Zoom on: <b>Exploring the mysteries of heaven with Ferdinand Verbiest SJ (1623-1688) : Dialogue with China through innovation and science</b>	
16:00-16:05	Welcome Address	<b>Mrs. Carol Li Rafferty</b> <i>Director of the Yale Center Beijing</i>
16:05-16:10	Opening remarks	H.E. The Ambassador of Belgium <b>Bruno Angelet</b>
16:10-16:15	Dialogue with China through innovation and science: Opening Statement	<b>Mr. Carl Decaluwé</b> <i>Governor of the province of West Flanders</i> -online-
16:15-16:40	Ferdinand Verbiest in the TV series of Chinese court dramas	<b>Prof. Dr. Li Bingquan</b> <i>Renmin University of China</i>
16:40-17:05	Verbiest shaped by the Chinese	<b>Prof. Dr. Nicolas Standaert</b> <i>Director of the Sinological Institute, KU Leuven</i> -online-
17:05-17:30	Science, politics and religion: Debates about Verbiest's involvement at the Imperial Astronomical Bureau	<b>Prof. Dr. Thierry Meynard</b> <i>Professor of Philosophy Sun Yat-Sen University Guangzhou</i>





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17:45-18:10	History of evaluation and evaluation of history: The scientific image of Ferdinand Verbiest and the Jesuits in China	<b>Prof. Dr. Lei Huanjie</b> <i>Chinese Academy of Social Sciences</i>
18:10-18:35	A copy of the Celestial Globe by Ferdinand Verbiest: Symbol of friendship and exchange between China and Europe	<b>Prof. Dr. Jeroom Heyndrickx</b> <i>Founder and Former Director Ferdinand Verbiest Institute, KU Leuven - Online -</i>
18:35-18:50	Q & A with speakers	
18:50-19:00	Concluding remarks	<b>Prof. Dr. Stephan Rothlin</b> <i>Director of the Macau Ricci Institute at the University of St. Joseph, Macau</i>
19:00-20:00	Reception at the Yale Center Beijing	
<p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Prof. Dr. Jaroslaw Marek Duraj <i>Vice-Director of the Macau Ricci Institute at the University of St. Joseph, Macau</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Organizers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Embassy of Belgium</li> <li>■ The Yale Center Beijing</li> <li>■ The Macau Ricci Institute at the University of St. Joseph, Macau</li> <li>■ The Beijing Center for Chinese Studies</li> </ul>		