

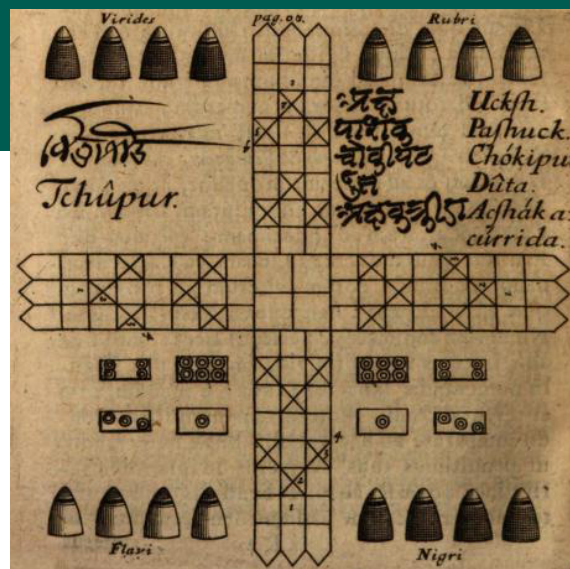
Games across Asia: The Primary Sources of Play

The history of games in Asia is really a history of games across Asia. Persian Shatranj, Indian Chaturanga, Chinese Xiangqi, and Japanese Shogi all belong to the larger family of chess. Yet we continue to study them within the confines of their own regions. And the same could be said of numerous other games which have traveled and transformed across Asia for millennia.

The workshop challenges the regional isolation of Asian game scholarship by providing a trans-regional platform for knowledge exchange and collaborative research. It brings together scholars from a wide range of disciplines and invites them to share their work on the primary textual sources of Asian games.

The aim is to familiarize the participants with the context, structure, content, and terminology of a variety of Asian game texts. Tangible outcomes include a bibliography of primary sources, a database of ludic terminologies, and an anthology of translations from the primary sources presented.

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WORKSHOP SESSIONS

WEST ASIAN GAMES

Fatih Parlak on Ottoman Chess
Majideh Qazizadeh on Perso-Arabic Chess
Ulrich Schädler on Byzantine Nard

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Arjun Bharadwaj on Indian Karmic Games
Amit Deshmukh on Indian Saripat
Brandon Dotson on Indo-Tibetan Dice Divination
Jacob Schmidt-Madsen on Indian Game Texts

EAST ASIAN GAMES

Fangyi Cheng on Chinese Dama
Saranya Choochotkaew on Japanese E-Sugoroku
Daniela Trinkon on Korean Baduk

10-12 SEP, 2025, 10:00-17:00

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