

ICOMOS AeroSpace Heritage Conference 2026

Asia: From Kites and Clippers to the Cosmos

Dates: 14–16 October 2026 (in GMT and Asian time zones)

Venue: Macao University of Tourism (UTM), Taipa Campus, Forward Building, Room F218

Format: Hybrid conference with time-staggered regional sessions

Organiser: ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on AeroSpace Heritage

Host: Macao University of Tourism (UTM)

All times are shown in 24-hour format. During the conference, Macao and Beijing will be on China Standard Time (UTC+8), Paris on Central European Summer Time (CEST, UTC+2), Albuquerque on Mountain Daylight Time (MDT, UTC−6), and Adelaide on Australian Central Daylight Time (ACDT, UTC+10:30). Presentation slots include discussion unless otherwise noted.

The organisers may make minor adjustments to session times if required. Extensive site visits will be organised locally for in-person attendees.

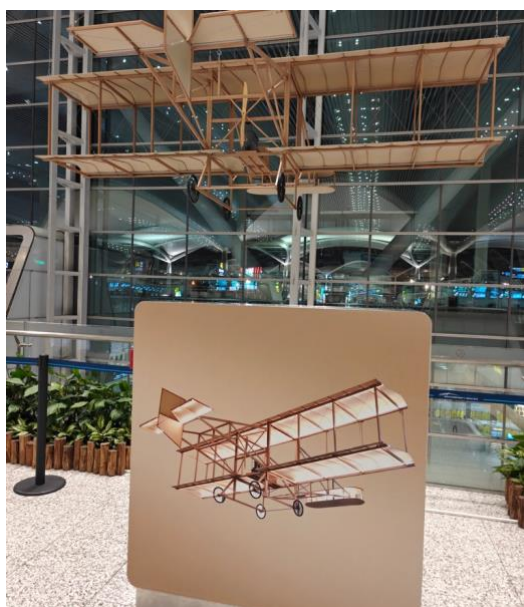
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Programme at a glance:

Day and date	Regional focus	Beijing / Macao UTC+8	Paris CEST UTC+2	Albuquerque MDT UTC−6	Adelaide ACDT UTC+10:30
Day 1 14 October	Asia	14 October 10:00–16:40	14 October 04:00–10:40	13/14 October 20:00–02:40	14 October 12:30–19:10
Day 2 15 October	Americas	15 October 19:00–22:30	15 October 13:00–16:30	15 October 05:00–08:30	15/16 October 21:30–01:00
Day 3 16 October	Europe	16 October 15:00–19:15	16 October 09:00–13:15	16 October 01:00–05:15	16 October 17:30–21:45

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Day 1 Asia

Wednesday 14 October 2026 | 10:00–16:40 Macao and Beijing time (UTC+8)

Macao time	Paris time	Speaker	Presentation or activity	Format
10:00–10:05	04:00–04:05	ICOMOS China	Opening remarks	To be confirmed
10:05–10:10	04:05–04:10	Macao University of Tourism representative	Welcome remarks	In person
10:10–10:15	04:10–04:15	Gai Jorayev President, ICOMOS AeroSpace Heritage Committee	Conference introduction, committee update and practical information	In person
10:15–11:05	04:15–05:05	Professor Justin Walsh Department of Art, Chapman University	Un-Earthed: The Archaeology of Living in Space	Main presentation In person
11:10–12:00	05:10–06:00	Dr Hee Sook Lee-Niinioja Independent Scholar, Helsinki	Celestial Confluence and Liminal (In)Tangibility: Medieval Communities and the Sky Across the Threshold of Nature and Culture	Main presentation In person
12:00–14:00	06:00–08:00	Questions and discussion, followed by a lunch break.		Break
14:00–14:50	08:00–08:50	Mr Kai Wang PhD Candidate, Department of History, Representation and Restoration of Architecture, Sapienza University of Rome	From Space Infrastructure to Heritage: How Space Systems Produce Heritage	Main presentation In person
14:50–15:40	08:50–09:40	Dr Bryan Lintott Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge	Antarctica to the Moon: Historic Sites and Monuments: Aerospace Heritage and Peace	Main presentation In person
15:40–16:10	09:40–10:10	Mr Mohammad Abu Al Hasan German Maritime Museum – Leibniz Institute for Maritime History	Jets on Plinths: Military Aircraft as Monuments in Bangladesh's Civic Landscape	Case study In person
16:10–16:30	10:10–10:30	Dr Luo Lei International Centre on Space Technologies for Natural and Cultural Heritage under the auspices of UNESCO	Title to be confirmed	Main presentation In person
16:30–16:40	10:30–10:40	Day chair	Discussion, summary and close of Day 1	Hybrid

Day 2 Americas

Thursday 15 October 2026 | 19:00–22:30 Macao and Beijing time (UTC+8)

Macao time	Paris time	MDT (UTC-6) time	Speaker	Presentation or activity	Format
19:00–19:50	13:00–13:50	05:00–05:50	Dr Alice Gorman Associate Professor, Flinders University, Australia	Relative Dimensions: Planetarity and the Planetary Turn in Archaeology	Main presentation Online
19:50–20:20	13:50–14:20	05:50–06:20	Dr Bryan Lintott Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge	Airborne Geophysical Exploration of Antarctica: Aerospace Heritage and Science	Case study In person

20:20 – 20:40	14:20– 14:40	06:20– 06:40	Professor Justin Walsh Department of Art, Chapman University	Martian Heritage Documentation Project	Case study In person
20:40 – 21:00	14:40– 15:00	06:40– 07:00	Mr Robin Mandal Vice-President, ICOMOS AeroSpace Heritage Committee	Historic Aviation Routes	Case study In person
21:00 – 21:45	15:00– 15:45	07:00– 07:45	Dr Lisa Westwood California State University- Chico, Butte College, and Coastline College in California	Space: The New Frontier of World Heritage Sites	Main presentation Online
21:45 – 22:10	15:45– 16:10	07:45– 08:10	Mr Robin Meyer-Lorey UCLA Archaeologist and member of the ICOMOS AeroSpace Heritage Committee	Manifest Destiny on the Moon: Continuities between Lunar Archaeology and US Frontier Expedition Archaeology	Case study Online
22:10 – 22:30	16:10– 16:30	08:10– 08:30	Day chair and speakers	Discussion, programme reserve and close of Day 2	Hybrid

Day 3 Europe

Friday 16 October 2026 | 15:00–19:15 Macao and Beijing time (UTC+8)

Macao time	Paris time	Speaker	Presentation or activity	Format
15:00– 15:30	09:00– 09:30	Dr Bryan Lintott Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge	The Tirpitz Site Project: Aerospace Heritage and the Environment	Case study In person
15:30– 16:20	09:30– 10:20	Dr Raoul Cardellini Leipertz Leverhulme Centre for Humanity and Space, Leicester, United Kingdom School of Advanced Defence Studies, Rome, Italy	The Unfinished Space Age: Ruination, Displacement and Heritage at Sriharikota	Main presentation Online
16:20– 17:10	10:20– 11:10	Dr William Murphy Former Clinical Associate Professor, University College Dublin	Harvesting the Sky: The Solar and Lunar Cycles of the Neolithic Farmers of Newgrange	Main presentation Online
17:10– 17:40	11:10– 11:40	Mr Ryan Wazir Architect and urbanist, Sydney; Associate Director, John McAslan + Partners With Dr Art Cotterell and Dr Alice Gorman	Cedar Rockets: Preserving Lebanon's Space Heritage	Case study Online
17:40– 18:10	11:40– 12:10	Dragana Ruzic Art Historian, Heritage Curator and Senior Research Associate, Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments in Pančevo	Pančevo Airport and the World's First International Night Passenger Flight	Case study Online
18:10– 19:00	12:10– 13:00	Gai Jorayev Macao University of Tourism (UTM)	Remains, Resilience and Responsibility: Where Are We in Preserving the Legacy of Twentieth-Century Aerospace Heritage?	Main presentation In person
19:00– 19:15	13:00– 13:15	Conference chair	Conference discussion and closing remarks	Hybrid
19:15	13:15	Committee members	The ways forward for AeroSpace International Scientific Committee; Internal discussion for committee members.	Hybrid