

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910798501203321
Autore	Standaert N.
Titolo	The intercultural weaving of historical texts : Chinese and European stories about Emperor Ku and his concubines // by Nicolas Standaert
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Leiden, Netherlands ; ; Boston, [Massachusetts] : , : Brill, , 2016 ©2016
ISBN	90-04-31622-1
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (377 p.)
Collana	Leiden Series in Comparative Historiography, , 1574-4493 ; ; Volume 9
Disciplina	931.01072
Soggetti	Historiography - China - History Historiography - Europe - History
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Description based upon print version of record.
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Nota di contenuto	Preliminary Material -- Introduction -- Introduction to Part 1 -- 1 Comprehensive Histories in Late Ming and Early Qing and the Genealogy of the Gangjian Texts -- 2 Jesuit Accounts of Chinese History and Chronology and Their Chinese Sources -- Introduction to Part 2 -- 3 Chinese Interpretations of Marvellous Births -- 4 Jesuit Interpretations of Marvellous Births -- Postface -- Bibliography -- Index.
Sommario/riassunto	The European view on history was shaken to its foundations when missionaries in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries discovered that Chinese history was older than European and Biblical history. With an analysis of the Chinese, Manchu and European sources on ancient Chinese history, this essay proposes an early case of “intercultural historiography,” in which historical texts of different cultures are interwoven. It focusses on the ways Chinese and European authors interpreted stories about marvellous births by the concubines of Emperor Ku. These stories have been the object of a wide variety of interpretations in Chinese texts, each of them representing a different historical genre. They are excellent case-studies to illustrate how the Chinese hermeneutic strategies shaped the diversity of interpretations given by Europeans.