

Borders and Gates or Open Spaces? Knowledge Cultures in the Mediterranean During the 14th and 15th Centuries

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PROGRAMME

December 17, 2010

9:00 Registration of guests

9:30 Opening

9:40 Plenary Lecture

DAVID ABULAFIA, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

The Mediterranean in the Late Middle Ages: A Problem of Periodization

Universidad de Sevilla (Tabaco), Paraninfo

10:40-11:00 Break

11:00-13:15 Session 1

Historiographies of the Mediterranean in the 14th and 15th Centuries

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Chair: MERCEDES GARCÍA-ARENAL, CSIC, Madrid, Spain

METIN KUNT, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Turkey

Ottomans and other Turks as Frontier Societies

AMIRA K. BENNISON, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

Diplomats, Renegades and Merchants: Morocco and its Relations with the

Mediterranean World from 1400-1800

PEREGRINE HORDEN, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK

Mediterranean Hybridity: a Concept in Search of Evidence

13:15 - 15:00 Lunch break

15:00-16:30 Session 2

Navigating the Sea: Mapping (in) the Mediterranean
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Chair: SONJA BRENTJES, Universidad de Sevilla, Sevilla, Spain

MÓNICA HERRERA-CASAS, Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
New evidence of Early Islamic Chart Making in the Mediterranean

SONJA BRENTJES, Universidad de Sevilla
*Were Different Cultural Spaces Available to Portolan Chart Makers in the 14th
and 15th Centuries?*

16:30-16:45 Tea break

16:45-18:15 Session 2

GEORGE TOLIAS, Institute of Neo-Hellenic of Research, Athens, Greece
*Geography at the Crossroads: Maps and Geographical Culture in the Eastern
Mediterranean, 14th-15th Century*

DIETRICH RODERICH REINSCH, Free University Berlin, Germany
*Mehmed Fatih, der Eroberer von Konstantinopel, und die byzantinische
Kultur*

19:00-20:00 PUBLIC LECTURE

DAVID MCGEE

The Lost Manuscript of Michael of Rhodes: A Mariner's Life in the 15th century
(El manuscrito perdido de Michael de Rodas: la vida de un marinero en
el siglo XV)

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9:00-10:30 Discussion Plenary Lecture and Session 1

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Chair: MERCEDES GARCÍA-ARENAL

10:30-10:40 Coffee break

10.40-11:40 Discussion Session 2

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Chair: SONJA BRENTJES

11:40-11:50 Break

11:50-13:30 Session 3

*Profit, Justice and Transportation: Mathematics as a Tool of Commerce, Law
and Ship Building*

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Chair: JOSÉ FERREIRÓS, Universidad de Sevilla, Sevilla, Spain

JENS HØYRUP, Roskilde University, Copenhagen, Denmark
*Fibonacci – Protagonist or Witness? Who Taught Christian Europe about
Mediterranean Commercial Arithmetic?*

DAVID MCGEE, Canada Science and Technology Museum, Toronto,
Canada

*Birth of a Genre: Mariners, Michael and Mathematical Culture in the 15th
Century*

13:30-15:00 Lunch break

15:00-16:30 Session 3

EDITH DUDLEY SYLLA, North Carolina State University, USA
The Traces of Islamic Institutions in the Prehistory of Mathematical Probability

LILIA CAMPANA, Texas University, USA
*Geometrical Methods in Ship Design: The Case-Study of the 11th-Century A.D.
Serçe Limanı Shipwreck*

16:30-16:45 Tea break

16:45-18:15 Discussion Session 3

Chair: JOSÉ FERREIRÓS

19:00-20:00 PUBLIC LECTURE

GEORG CHRIST

*Borders and Spillovers. How the Port Wine Became Portuguese or Wanderings
of Wine between Crete, Egypt, and England (Fronteras y fugas. De cómo el
oportó se hizo portugués; o los avatares del vino entre Creta, Egipto e
Inglaterra)*

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December 19, 2010

10:00-12:00 Guided Visit of the Reales Alcazares

12:00-12:30 Coffee break

12.30-14:00 Visit of the city centre or another cultural highlight

19:00 Evening Programme

Party with Rana & Sonja in their house in Alcalá de Guadaíra

December 20, 2010

9:00-10:30 Session 4

*Differences and Similarities: The **Lex Mercatoria**, Business Practices and
Frontiers between 1200 and 1700*

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Chair: MARIBEL FIERRO, CSIC, Madrid, Spain

MARIA FUSARO, University of Exeter, UK

*Justice for Merchants and Justice for Foreigners: the Venetian experience: 13th-
16th centuries*

GEORG CHRIST, University Heidelberg, Germany

*Bargaining in the Shadow of the Norm: Venetian Trade between Commercial
Privileges and Local Custom (Alexandria, around 1420)*

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-13:00 Session 5 *Observing the Stars, Measuring the Lands: Popular
Astrology, Timekeeping and Agronomy in Muslim and Jewish Communities*

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Chair: JENS HØYRUP

MÒNICA RIUS-PINEÍS, Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain

*Traveling ideas: the role of 'ilm al-miqat in the connection between the Islamic
East and West*

PHOEBE LUCKYN-MALONE, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

*The Circulation and Transformation of Agricultural Knowledge in al-Andalus
and Beyond*

MIQUEL FORCADA, Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain

*Withdrawal, Resistance and Transformation of Arabo-Islamic Science in Spain
between the 13th and 14th Centuries*

13:00-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-15:30 Discussion Session 4
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15:30-15:45 Tea break

15:45-17:15 Discussion Session 5
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Chair: JENS HØYRUP

17:15-17:30 Tea break

17:30-18:00 Final Discussion
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