

## Empires, science, and the control of nature (16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> c.)

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2<sup>nd</sup> November-7<sup>th</sup> December 2011

### 1. The “scientific revolution”, a European phenomenon?

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 10h-13h**

Antonella Romano (EUI), Silvia Sebastiani (EHESS/SUM), *Introduction to the new academic year*

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 10h-13h**

Antonella Romano (EUI), *Early modern Europe and the writing of history of science*

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 15h-18h**

Antonella Romano (EUI), *The early modern world and the diversity of scientific practices. Reading Seminar*

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 10h-13h**

Antonella Romano (EUI), *Geographies of European scientific centrality*

### 2. The making of European science abroad

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 10h-13h**

Iris Schroeder (Humboldt University), *Maps, knowledge and power and 18th century cartographic revolution*

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 10h-13h**

Iris Schroeder (Humboldt University), *Geographer's reinvention of space: The case of Africa*

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 10h-13h**

Antonella Romano (EUI), *Natural history. Americas enter in the history*

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 10h-13h**

Antonella Romano (EUI) and Wu Huiyi (doc. SUM), *Translation and European curiosity*

### 3. Science in Europe and local knowledge

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 10h-13h**

Silvia Sebastiani (EHESS/SUM), *Ethnography: the making of otherness in the Enlightenment*

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 10h-13h**

Silvia Sebastiani (EHESS/SUM), *Ethnography: the case of (wo)man/ape*

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 10h-13h**

Adrien Delmas (EUI, MWF), *The Dutch East India Company as a knowledge network (17th c.)*

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 10h-13h**

Adrien Delmas (EUI, MWF), *European expansion and the sciences of language (16th - 18th c.)*

#### 4. The administrator, the merchant, the missionary, and the soldier: science, technology and Empires

##### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 10h-13h**

Dejanirah Couto (EPHE), *Ottoman Cartography in the 16th Century: a new appraisal of the Piri Reis international Network*

##### **Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 10h-13h**

Dejanirah Couto (EPHE), *European Travelers and Medieval Accounts on India*

##### **Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 15h-18h**

Jorge Flores (EUI), *The Intricacies of Political Ethnography in the “Estado da Índia”*

##### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 10h-13h**

Jorge Flores (EUI), *Transfer and Transformation of Knowledge in Portuguese Asia: Some “Extravagant Stories”*

#### 5. European scientific and technological imperialisms and their limits 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> c.

##### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 10h-13h**

Catherine Jami (CNRS), *Whose scientific imperialism? The view from Beijing until 1800*

##### **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 10h-13h**

Catherine Jami (CNRS), *The circulation of knowledge in East Asia, 17th-19th century*

##### **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 10h-13h**

Lazslo Kontler (CEU), *Baltic astronomy?*

##### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 10h-13h**

Lazslo Kontler (CEU), *The Russian Empire, a case of scientific transfer?*

#### 6. European dominations of the world under discussion

##### **Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 10h-13h**

Jacques Revel (EHESS/SUM), *Jack Goody, “The theft of history”: a critical reading*

##### **Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 15h-18h**

Jacques Revel (EHESS/SUM), Antonella Romano (EUI), *Conclusion of the seminar: general discussion*

##### **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, 15h-18h**

Jacques Revel (EHESS/SUM), Antonella Romano (EUI), Silvia Sebastiani (EHESS/SUM), *Presentations of the work by the first year students*

##### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 10h-13h**

Jacques Revel (EHESS/SUM), Antonella Romano (EUI), Silvia Sebastiani (EHESS/SUM), *Presentations of the work by the second year students*

##### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 15h-18h**

Jacques Revel (EHESS/SUM), Antonella Romano (EUI), Silvia Sebastiani (EHESS/SUM), *Presentations of the work by the second year students*