

Mapping Africa from the Ninth to the Nineteenth Century

Construction, Transmission and Circulation of Cartographic Knowledge about Africa

(Europe, Arab World and Africa)

Thursday 2nd December 2010 - Institut National d'Histoire de l'Art, Auditorium

Session 1: Cartographers and Sources

Discussant: Jean-Marc Besse, CNRS, UMR « Géographie-cités », EHGO, Paris

9.30 Registration and introduction

10.00 Wulf Bodenstein (Musée Royal de l'Afrique Centrale, Tervuren), *The Great Map of Africa in Ten Sheets by H.Habenicht Published in 1885 for the Centenary of Justus Perthes from Gotha (French)*

10.30 Olivier Loiseaux (Bibliothèque nationale de France - Cartes et plans), *Jules Hansen (1849-1931) Geographic Designer (French)*

11.00 Discussion

11.15 – Break

11.30 Angelo Cattaneo (Universidade Nova de Lisboa - CHAM), *Producing Knowledge on the Moroccan Territory in the Sixteenth Century: Analysis of a Newly Discovered Manuscript Portuguese "Atlantic Chart" (c. 1519-1545) (English)*

12.00 Alexandra Loumpet-Galitzine (Université de Yaoundé), *Representing one's Oikoumenē: King Njoya's Cartography (Bamum, Western Cameroon) (French)*

12.30 Discussion

13.15 Lunch

Session 2: Debates, Confrontations, Transmission/Non-Transmission

Discussant: Patrick Gautier-Dalché (CNRS – IRHT)

14.30 Lucile Haguet (Bnf Cartes et Plans), *Do Maps Like Filling the Gaps? A New Epistemology of Enlightenment Cartography through the Egyptian Example (fifteenth-eighteenth centuries) (French)*

15.00 Robin Seignobos (Université Paris I - CEMAf), *Nubia and the Nile River: Cartographic Models and Sources Confrontation in the Representation of the Nubian Space (sixteenth and seventeenth centuries) (French)*

15.30 Discussion

15.45 – Break

16.00 Patricia Seed (University of California, Irvine), *The World of Fifteenth-Century Counterfeit Cartographies of West Africa (English)*

16.30 Norman Etherington (University of Western Australia), *Robert Moffat, Jr. and his 'Map of South Eastern Africa', 1848-51: Struggling Against the Erasure of African Place Names" (English)*

17.00 Discussion

18.15 – Wine reception

Friday 3rd December 2010 - Bnf, Site Richelieu, Salle des Commissions

Session 3: Representing a Continent, Representing Space

Discussant: Hélène Blais (Université Paris-ouest Nanterre)

9.30 Anna Caiozzo (Université Paris 7) and Annie Vernay-Nouri (Bnf département des Manuscrits), *Africa between Cartographers and Cosmographers. Imaginary and Representation in the BnF Collections (French)*

10.00 Jean-Charles Ducène (Université libre de Bruxelles), *Africa in Arab Medieval Circular Mappamundi: a Typology of Representation (French)*

10.30 Emmanuelle Tixier du Mesnil (Université Paris-ouest Nanterre), *The Book and the Map: African space according to Al-Balkhî and al-Idrîsî (French)*

11.00 Discussion

11.15 – Break

11.30 Christian Germanaz (Université de La Réunion), *Mapping Bourbon in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth centuries (French)*

12.00 Emmanuelle Vagnon (Bnf - Cartes et plans), *The African Shores of the Indian Ocean: Western cartographies from the Fourteenth to the Sixteenth Century (French)*

12.30 Discussion

13.15 Lunch

Session 4: Vernacular Knowledge and Map Construction

Discussant: Isabelle Surun (Université Lille 3)

14.30 David Lambert (Royal Holloway, University of London & Exeter College, University of Oxford), *James MacQueen and the Use and Occlusion of 'Captive' African Knowledge. (English)*

15.00 Bertrand Hirsch (Université Paris I - CEMAf), *Fra Mauro's Ethiopia: a Scalar Issue (French)*

15.30 Wendy N'Guia Kahma (Université Paris I - CEMAf), *Missionary Cartography and Vernacular Knowledge in Precolonial Lesotho (1833-1868) (French)*

16.00 Discussion

16.15 – Break

16.30 Jamie McGowan (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), *The Stakes of British and African Mapping of the Gold Coast, 1874-1900 (English)*

17.00 Benoît Beucher (Université de Paris IV), *Mapping the Mossi's Territory, Vade-mecum for a Historical Summary of the Colonial Encounter in Voltaic Regions (current-day Burkina Faso) at the End of the Nineteenth Century (French)*

17.30 Discussion

18. -20.

Visit of the Map Room, Bibliothèque nationale de France.
Advance registration required.

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