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Scientiae Summer Series

Early Modern European Knowledge-Making and the New Worlds

10 June 2022

Online

Free (but registration required—see below)

The iconic frontispiece of Francis Bacon's *Instauratio magna* features a carrack passing through the Gates of Hercules and into the Atlantic. Below the image, an inscription declares "multi pertransibunt et augebitur scientia." This image with its caption epitomises Bacon's intellectual programme, urging would-be investigators of the natural world to go beyond the limits imposed on thought by the inheritances of antiquity, and to pass into a new, largely uncharted ocean towards new learning.

Bacon's image, of course, was metaphorical. But as European merchants and mariners, naturalists and the religious took to the seas from the latter part of the

fifteenth century, engaging with new populations, encountering new flora and fauna, *how* was knowledge increased—and *to what ends*?

This part of the *Scientiae Summer Series* features prominent scholars working on aspects of cross-cultural encounter in the early modern period to discuss knowledge production and exchange in different extra-European environments.

I: “Knowledge Making in the Wider World”

9AM (Eastern) / 3pm (Central European)

Carolyn Podruchny (York Univ.), “Dying in the North American Fur Trade: The Changing Meanings of the Tragic Tale of Jean Cadieux”

Djoeke van Netten (Amsterdam), “The Dutch East India Company and Publishing Knowledge about the Wider World”

Simon Kow (Univ. of King’s College), “Indirect Encounters with Confucianism and Neo-Confucianism in Enlightenment Philosophy, 1682-1748”

Jaime Marroquin (Western Oregon Univ.), “Plinian Natural History and the Indies of the West”

II: “How to Know What to Know in the Wider World”

11AM (Eastern) / 5pm (Central European)

Mateusz Kapustka (Zurich), “Tertullian among the Brahmins. Idolatry and Historical Knowledge in the 18th-century ‘Malabar Rites Controversy’”

Margaret Schotte (York Univ.), “All the things necessary to know”: Instructions for East India Co. Mariners”

Joyce Chen (Princeton), “Decentering Acoustical Knowledge at the Turn of Scientific Revolution: A Comparative Analysis of Music Theory Works by Marin Mersenne and Zhu Zaiyu”

Comment: Peter Barker (University of Oklahoma)

This event is free and open to all, but registration is required.

To register and for the Zoom link, please contact the organisers at:
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