Conquering the World through Cartography
The Imperialist Turn in 19th and 20th Century Mapping

Programme

May 30-31, 2023
Brussels (Belgium), Palace of the Academies
PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 30/05/2023

8.30 - 13.00  Registration

9.00 - 9.30  Opening address Imre Demhardt (ICA Commission History of Cartography)

Keynote
Philippe De Maeyer (RAOS)
The Contribution of the RAOS and its Members to the Cartography of Central Africa

9.30 - 10.30  Session 1
Stanley’s Map and Colonial Ambitions
Mathilde Leduc
Maps for a King: King Leopold II’s Maps of Congo (Before 1885)
Wouter Bracke

10.30 - 11.00  Coffee break

11.00 - 12.30  Session 2
Leopoldian Imperial Cartography: The Case of the Kouilou-Niari Basin Prior to the Foundation of the Congo Free State
Jan Vandersmissen

From an Exploitation Colony to a Contemporary Cartography of Building Materials
Judith le Maire, Victor Brunaut & Géry Leloutre

Looking at Africa. Knowledge and Land Management from a University Cartographic Collection (Firenze, Italy)
Camillo Berti, Margherita Azzari, Pauline Deguy, Lorenzo Dolfi & Cristiano Tancredi

12.30 - 13.30  Lunch

13.30 - 15.00  Session 3
The Emergence of Map History in Paris, 1830-1850, to Narrate the Rise of European Civilization
Matthew Edney

Cartography, Imperialism and the Scientific Invention of Language Borders (1807-1923)
Felix de Montety

Mapping Human Organs: Spleen Maps in Twentieth-Century Malaria Control Campaigns
Lauren Killingsworth

15.00 - 15.30  Coffee break

15.30 - 17.00  Session 4
Maps to Defend the Kaiser in Ottoman Asia. German Military Cartography Between the Sinai and Mesopotamia, 1915-1918
Imre Demhardt

The Biblical and the Mandatory. Naming the Summit of Lebanon 1830-1930
Jack KeiLo

“A Valuable Element of Pacification and French Influence”: Military Cartographers as Colonial Agents in the Levant Mandate
Louis Le Douarin
17.00 - 17.30  **Poster session**  
Italian East Africa through Cartographic and Photographic Sources of the *Istituto Agronomico per l’Oltremare* (Florence, Italy)  
Lorenzo Dolfi, Margherita Azzari, Camillo Berti, Pauline Deguy & Cristiano Tancredi  
Preserve and Make Available Maps from the RMCA Collection  
François Kervyn  
Mapping Land in British North Borneo: A Colonial Heterotopia  
Guillermo Arturo Medina Frias  
Cartographic Memoirs in Colonial India: Uncovering the Entangled Practices of Mapping  
Manasi Mohanan Sushama  
Santa Claus Rules the World: A Case Study of Imperialism Embedded in a Map  
Christopher Thiry

17.30 - 19.00  **Reception**

**WEDNESDAY 31/05/2023**

9.00 - 10.30  **Session 5**  
Municipal Imperialism and Cartography – The Maps from the Geographic Society of Lyon at the End of the 19th Century  
Enali De Biaggi  
The British Colonial Regime on Cyprus: Mapping the Capital City, Nicosia  
Merve Senem Arkan  
The Limits of Imperial Knowledge: Cartography and the First Trigonometrical Survey of Cyprus (Kitchener’s Map, ed. 1885)  
Evangelos Papadias, Antonis Hadjkyriacou, Christoforos Vradis & Christos Chalkias

10.30 - 11.00  **Coffee break**

11.00 - 12.30  **Session 6**  
Imperial Spatiality in Early Soviet Maps  
Olesia Ignateva, Sofia Gavrilova & Jana Moser  
Surveying the (Post)Colony: India, Africa and the Persistence of Colonial Cartography  
Philip Jagessar  
Post-Colonial National Atlases – Celebrating Realizations of Independence or Sustaining Colonial Structures?  
Eric Losang

12.30 - 12.45  Closing address

12.45 - 14.00  **Lunch**

14.00 - 17.00  Visit to the Africa Museum in Tervuren (by bus)

**THURSDAY 01/06/2023**

From 9.30  Visit to the Map Room of the Royal Library of Belgium  
“Not just Congo. Belgian colonial mapping in the 19th and 20th centuries”