



CALL FOR PAPERS

The Hakluyt Society Symposium 2017

Trading Companies and Travel Literature

11-12 September 2017

Chatham Historic Docks, University of Kent

This conference brings together travel literature and trading companies by exploring how the various European companies collected, created, curated, protected and utilised material relating to travel and discovery around the world. Set in the historic environment of the University of Kent's Medway campus, the Hakluyt Society Symposium 2017 joins together senior experts and early career researchers to engage in cross-disciplinary conversation.

Prospective speakers are invited to submit proposals of no more than 300 words for 20 minute papers, along with a brief bio statement. Potential topics may include, but are not limited to:

- The ways manuscript and printed material created by companies can help us understand the early modern 'globalising' world
- Secrecy, forgery and fraudulent material
- Companies as vehicles through which ideas and images about the world circulated in Europe
- How ideas originating in manuscript form within companies came to circulate in print
- The relationship between trading companies and non-corporate groups (other merchants; missionaries; diplomats; Crown-sponsored overseas enterprise, etc.)
- How non-corporate organisations sought to collect/protect/utilise travel literature
- Non-European voices and agency in (the production of) travel literature

The [Hakluyt Society](#) will make available a number of travel bursaries to postgraduate and early career applicants with limited or no alternative access to funding – if you would like to apply for a bursary please indicate this when sending your abstract and explain your reasons for applying.

Please send your abstracts to hakluytsymposium@gmail.com by **30th April 2017**.

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