



PERCEPTIONS OF *Terra Australis*

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The name of Terra Australis goes back to early Greek philosophy, but the concept it represents may have a more diverse history. This symposium focuses on the concept itself and changes in the ways that Terra Australis has been understood over a period of many centuries.

The three keynote speakers will address themselves to aspects of this development. Their contributions will include the role of historical cartography in demonstrating and advancing perceptions. Dr Albert Hiett (University of Leeds), author of the newly published *Terra Incognita: Mapping the Antipodes before 1600*, will consider the early period. Professor Mercedes Camino (University of Lancaster), author of *Producing the Pacific: Maps and Narratives of Pacific Exploration 1567–1606*, will talk about the age of European exploration to the south. And Emeritus Professor Norman Etherington (University of Western Australia), author/editor of *Mapping Colonial Conquest: Australia and Southern Africa*, will focus on the British colonial period.

As has been the long-standing custom with PMRG symposia since their inception, all those who are interested in the content of the symposium are invited to attend and, if they wish, to offer twenty-minute papers on aspects of the topic. These papers may cover any of the following ways of approaching research on the topic: cultural; historical; literary; political; philosophical; scientific; archaeological; gendered. Papers are not required to touch on cartography, but it is hoped that a number of them will sustain the overall approach to the theme through historical cartography.

Abstracts (c.200 words) of twenty-minute papers should be submitted to Dr. Claire McIlroy (UWA) via email at <cmcilroy@cyllene.uwa.edu.au> for consideration by the committee. The deadline for submissions is 31 March 2009. For more information, please visit the website:

<http://www.pmrgrg.arts.uwa.edu.au/symposium>

