Perceptions of Terra Australis

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. Dr Alfred Hiatt (University of Leeds) will consider the early period. Professor Mercedes Camino (University of Lancaster) will talk about the age of European exploration to the South. And Emeritus Professor Norman Etherington (University of Western Australia) will focus on the British colonial period. Short 20-minute papers are now invited on a variety of aspects or interpretations of the theme. Of particular interest will be papers that deal with:

- Travel writing
- Settlement history
- European/Australasian encounter
- Cultural or religious interaction
- Scientific exploration
- Cartography
- Archaeology
- Literary responses
- Women in early exploration
- Other allied cutting edge research themes

Please send a title and abstract of c200 words to Dr Claire McIlroy, cmcilroy@cyllene.uwa.edu.au, by the extended deadline of 5pm, 13th April 2009.

Programme

Thursday 11th June 2009, 6-7 pm.
Free Public Lecture by Myra Stanbury, Curator, Department of Maritime Archaeology, Western Australian Museum:

Journeys of Enlightenment: Changing perceptions of Terra Australis

Venue: Webb Lecture Theatre, UWA (formerly Geography Lecture Theatre 1)

Friday and Saturday, 12th and 13th June 2009
Symposium - ‘Perceptions of Terra Australis’
Venue: The University Club of Western Australia

For more information about the symposium, or to register, please visit: http://www.ias.uwa.edu.au/conf/neer09

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