



## History of Knowledge Conference, University of Porto - 2023

22 to 24 November

### Programme

Conference venue: Faculty of Arts of the University of Porto, Portugal.

### Wednesday, 22 November

Room – Anfiteatro Nobre

8:30 9:30 Welcome Coffee + Registration

9:30 9:45 Opening session

9:50 10:50 **Keynote Speaker - opening lecture:**

**Johan Östling** (Lund University, Sweden) - "The history of the history of knowledge: The emergence of a new field".

### Parallel Sessions

#### Panel: Historicising knowledge societies - Session 1

Room – Anfiteatro Nobre

11:00 – 12:30h

- **Antonio Sánchez** (Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain) - "Thinking with hands': the structures of artisanal knowledge".
- **Frank Ejby Poulsen** (King Juan Carlos University, Madrid, Spain) - "An Informal Knowledge Society for a Formal Power: Don John Joseph of Austria's 1651 Literary Academy and his patronage of intellectuals".
- **Susan Whyman** (Independent Historian, formerly Princeton University, USA) - "Edmund Rack: Master of Knowledge in Eighteenth-Century Bath".
- **Leonie Hannan** (Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland) - "Knowledge Trickles Upwards".

### Debate



## Panel: Translations, selective permeabilities and misunderstandings - Session 1

Room – Meetings Room 1

11:00 – 12:30h

- **Zhiyu Chen** (University of Cambridge, UK) - "Entangled Imaginations: The Boxer Codex, Colonial Futures, and CrossCultural Knowledge in the Late-Sixteenth-Century Western Pacific Rim".
- **Denise Moura** (São Paulo State University, Brazil) - "In the colonial terrain everything is mixed: Mamluks, Amerindians and migrants in the development of hydrography (18th century)".
- **Jonas Thorup Thomsen** (Lund University, Sweden) - "The Global in the Local: Transnational Knowledge Circulation in Clerical Book Collections in Denmark, 1685–1810".
- **Ni Xia** (Central European University Viena, Austria) - "Foreign Therapies from Mercury: Examining Eastern Entries in Théophile Bonet's Medical Guidebook".

*Debate*

## Panel: Circulation Mechanisms - Session 1

Room – Meetings Room 2

11:00 – 12:30h

- **Liam Benison** (University of Verona, Italy) and **Luciano Moreira** (University of Porto, Portugal) - "Privacy in French Utopian Literature during the Enlightenment: A Distant-Reading Approach to the Heuristic Zones of Privacy".
- **Maria Simonsen** (Aalborg University, Denmark) - "New perspectives on the History of University".
- **Gerben Zaagsma** (University of Luxembourg) - "Probing the Impact of Technology in Historical Research: The Role of Transnational Networks".
- **Johan Larson Lindal** (Linköping University, Sweden) - "Organising Knowledge of "New Music" in Interwar Europe: Circulating the Writings of Lotte Kallenbach-Greller".

*Debate*

Lunch Break – 12:30-14:00h



## Parallel Sessions

### Panel: Circulation Mechanisms - Session 2

Room – Anfiteatro Nobre

14:00-15:30h

- **Katariina Letho** (Tampere University, Finland) - "Circulating Medical Knowledge amid Uncertainties and Localities – Physicians' Epistemic Authority at the Early Eighteenth-Century Collegium Medicum in Sweden".
- **Hanna Filipova** (University of Gothenburg, Sweden) - "Turning Muscovite: “unnatural” from anti-Muslim to anti-Russian rhetoric in the early modern".
- **Frederico Ágoas** (NOVA University Lisbon, Portugal) - "Portuguese colonial sociology: a peripheral dictatorship at the center of trans-imperial scientific cooperation in the social sciences in the post-Second World War period".
- **Martin Kristoffer Hamre** (Free University of Berlin, Germany) - "Constructing and circulating knowledge of ‘fascist internationalism’ among minor Northwestern European fascist parties in the 1930s".

Debate

### Panel: Public Knowledge Circulation - Session 1

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14:00-15:30h

- **Liam Benison** (University of Verona, Italy) - "The Construction and Limits of Public Geographical Knowledge of the “Southland” in the Seventeenth Century".
- **Peter R. Anstey** (University of Sydney, Australia) - "Indigenous knowledge and changing conceptions of natural history in Early Modern Europe".
- **Mordechai Zalkin** (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel) - "Deborah Romm: Innovative Publisher, Information Distributer and Cultural Agent".
- **Conceição Meireles Pereira** (University of Porto, Portugal) and **Isilda Santos Monteiro** (Higher School of Education of Paula Frassinetti, Portugal) - "Xavier Botelho as an agent of knowledge of the Portuguese colonial territories of East Africa – the critic criticized (1835-1837)".

Debate

Coffee Break – 15:30-16:00h



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## Keynote Speaker session

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16:00-17:00h

**Lisa Hellman** (Lund University, Sweden) - "Has history of knowledge become too nice? Fractures and inequality when applying a global history perspective".

## Book Launch

18:30h - Rectory of the University of Porto

**"Knowledge Actors: Revisiting Agency in the History of Knowledge"**

edited by Johan Östling, David Larsson Heidenblad and Anna Nilsson Hammar.

Discussant: Fabiano Bracht, University of Porto



## Thursday, 23 November

9:00-9:30 – Morning Coffee

### Keynote Speaker session

Room – Anfiteatro Nobre

9:30-10:30h

**Sven Dupré** (Utrecht University, Netherlands) – “Environmental Expertise, Practical Knowledge, and the Conservation of Art and Nature”.

### Parallel Sessions

#### Panel: Knowledge and Globalization - Session 1

Room – Anfiteatro Nobre

10:45-12:15h

- **Fernando Mouta** (University of Porto, Portugal) - "Brave New Worlds: Travel literature and Europe's thirst for knowledge about Africa (15th-16th centuries)".
- **Natacha Klein Käfer** (University of Copenhagen, Denmark) - "Latin American Mines and the Transformation of Alchemical Secrets in Early Modern Knowledge Networks".
- **Hung-yi Chien** (National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan) - "Taiwan Studies in Early Modern Europe: from the Dutch's Retreat to Taiwan's Reopening to the World".
- **Friederike Philippe** (Free University of Berlin, Germany) - "Displays of difference and similarity: The parasol as venue for (im-)material ethnographic knowledge production between Japan and Europe around 1600".

Debate



## Panel: Translations, selective permeabilities and misunderstandings – Session 2

Room – Meetings Room 1

10:45-12:15h

- **Angana Moitra** (O. P. Jindal Global University, India) - "Hindoos, or Heathens": British Colonialist Constructions of Knowledge about the Indian Subcontinent in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries"
- **Gisele C. Conceição** (University of Porto, Portugal) - "Connecting Worlds: Early Modern Informal Knowledge Production".
- **Elias Mahiout** (University of Cologne, Germany) - "The European Penny Magazines: Popular Knowledge forming National Identities in the 1830s".
- **Claudio Soltmann** (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany) - "A botanist and his translator. William Jackson Hooker as a translator of Eduard Friedrich Poeppig's Reise in Chile, Peru und auf dem Amazonenstrome (1835)".

Debate

Lunch Break – 12:15-14:00h

## Parallel Sessions

### Panel: Circulation Mechanisms - Session 3

Room – Anfiteatro Nobre

14:00-15:30h

- **Kerstin Lind** (Linköping University, Sweden) - "The Överhogdal case: The circulation of knowledge – Museum Collections in flux".
- **Ana Teresa A. Venancio** and **Renilson Beraldo** (Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Brazil) - "The circulation of the schizophrenia category by psychiatry in Brazil (Rio de Janeiro, 1910-1939)".
- **Erinn Campbell** (University of Cambridge, UK) - "'Frank and honest'? The politics of international plant pest reporting, 1952–1994".

Debate



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## Panel: Historicising knowledge societies - Session 2

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14:00-15:30h

- **Alice Marples** (The British Library, UK) - "Knowledge Work and Knowledge Workers in Eighteenth-Century London".
- **Lorelai Kury** (Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Brazil) - "The Use of Plants and Botanical Knowledge in Rio de Janeiro (1700-1850): The Case of the Tapinhoã Tree".
- **Mikko Myllyntausta** (University of Turku, Finland) - "Competing Claims to Knowledge across the Oceans – Early 19th-century New Zealand as an object of European knowing".
- **Heikki Kokko** and **Minna Harjula** (Tampere University, Finland) - "Experiential knowledge in society: A theoretical-methodological approach".

Debate

Coffee Break – 15:30-16:00h

## Keynote Speaker session

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16:00-17:00h

**Elaine Leong** (University College London, UK) - "The Pharmacopoeia Londinensis and its Afterlives: Histories of Knowledge Maintenance in Early Modern Britain".



## Friday, 24 November

9:00-9:30 – Morning Coffee

### Keynote Speaker session

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9:30-10:30h

**Henrique Leitão** (University of Lisbon, Portugal) - "Global lines, mathematical cosmography and the emergence of a global Earth".

### Parallel Sessions

#### Panel: Knowledge and Globalization - Session 2

Room – Anfiteatro Nobre

10:45-12:15h

- **Juan Acevedo** (University of Lisbon, Portugal) - "Discreet Astronomical Travellers: Solar Declination Tables in Indian Ocean Nautical Texts".
- **Renu Elizabeth Abraham** (O. P. Jindal Global University, India) - "Colonization and Historical Knowledge Production in Nineteenth-Century Malabar".
- **Malin Gregersen** (Linnaeus University, Sweden) - "Swedish transits – Protestant missionary travellers to Asia 1900–1930".
- **Fabiano Bracht** (University of Porto, Portugal) - "Non-specialised agents and the production of natural history artefacts: trade, epistemic networks and the circulation of knowledge between Asia and Europe in the 18th century".

Debate





## Panel: Translations, selective permeabilities and misunderstandings - Session 3

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10:45-12:15h

- **Yun Xie** (Scaliger Institute, Netherlands) - "The Republic of Characters: Unraveling the Global Technical Challenge and Dutch Endeavors in Manufacturing Chinese Typefaces".
- **Valentina Mann** (Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, Israel) - "The many afterlives of Gabriel de Tarde Translation and reception in the United States c.1895-1905".
- **Polina Ignatova** (Linköping University, Sweden) - "Lost in Translation: Nonhuman Gender in Modern English Translations of Latin Texts".
- **Victoria Van Orden Martínez** (Linköping University, Sweden) - "We suffered and can understand and orient the material." Survivors of Nazi Persecution as Carriers and Cultural Translators of Knowledge in an effort to Document Nazi Persecution, 1945-1946".

Debate

Lunch Break – 12:15-14:00h

## Parallel Sessions

### Panel: Migrant Knowledge

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14:00-15:30h

- **Ayana Antony** (Maharaja's College, India) - "Planting Relations: Portuguese and the Circulation of Medicinal Knowledge in Early Modern Kerala".
- **Tetiana Zemliakova** (European University Institute Florence, Italy) - "Inventing politics as a research object: infrastructural innovations at Columbia and Hopkins graduate schools of political science (1878–1901)".
- **Jason Lemberg** (University of Wuppertal, Germany) - "Physical Chemistry in Argentina and beyond: On an Exchange Relationship between Germany and Argentina after the Second World War".
- **Adam Kola** (Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland) - "Bidirectional Transatlantic Knowledge Transfer. East and Central European Literary Scholars in the United States".

Debate



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## Panel: Public Knowledge Circulation - Session 2

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14:00-15:30h

- **Tim Overkempe** (University of Antwerp, Belgium) - "Popularizing Science and Technology at the Fairground in 19th century Belgium".
- **Dulce da Rocha Gonçalves** (Utrecht University, Netherlands) - "Public knowledge transmission in the Netherlands: the cultural phenomenon of the lantern lecture".
- **Elske de Wall** (Utrecht University, Netherlands) - "Defending 'realistic' knowledge: The many arenas of Dutch mathematics education 1970-2010".
- **Evelina Kallträsk** (Lund University, Sweden) - "Ung Företagsamhet, entrepreneurial knowledge and the knowledgeisation of social problems".

Debate

Coffee Break – 15:30-16:00h

## Keynote Speaker - closing lecture:

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16:00-17:00h

**Simone Lässig** (German Historical Institute - Washington DC) - "Knowledge Born in Global Transit? Revisiting Migrants' Histories"

Conference Dinner – 19:00h Torreão Restaurant