Early modern nautical rutters (sailing directions) are the earliest Western documents that testify to the stable and regular lived experience of traversing the earth’s oceans on a global, planetary scale. Using these exceptional, yet poorly known sources, the main objective of this project is to write a narrative of the scaling up of a scientific description of the earth in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, from the lived experience of travelling and observing the earth in long-distance sea voyages.

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PANEL 1 · March 31, Thursday, 11.00 am – 12.30 pm.
The Convention Centre Dublin - Wicklow Meeting Room 3 - 2nd Floor

IMAGES OF RENAISSANCE SCIENCE: COMPETING EPISTEMOLOGIES FOR THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE FIRST GLOBAL WORLD

Chair: David Salomoni

Juan Acevedo: Nautical Rhumbs as Image and Reality of Universal Scientia: Globality in Early Modern Cosmologies
Luis Ribeiro: Nautical Astrology: A Forgotten Tradition of the Pre-modern World

PANEL 2 · March 31, Thursday, 4.30 pm – 6.00 pm.
Chartered Accountants House - Red Hall - Level -1

SCIENCE AND EMPIRE: THE KNOW-HOW FOR THE MAKING OF EARLY MODERN THALASSOCRACIES, 16TH C.

Chair: Juan Acevedo

Henrique Leitão: The Moluccas Question: Imperial Ambitions and Scientific Questions
Luana Giurgevich: The Bookshop of the Sea: The Long-Distance Oceanic Voyages in Early Modern Book World
José María Moreno Madrid: Criss-crossing the Empire: Who and How Built Early Modern maritime routes?

PANEL 3 · April 2, Saturday, 9.00 am – 10.30 am.
Clayton Hotel Cardif Lane - Macken Suite - Lower Ground Level

SIXTEENTH CENTURY OCEANIC EXPANSION AND THE TORMENTED EMERGENCE OF A NEW BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

Chair: Henrique Leitão

Nuno Vila-Santa: Spying on Sea Knowledge? Ambassadors and Cosmographical Espionage in the Sixteenth Century
David Salomoni: Mercator Goes to Jail: Traces of a Religious Epistemology for Early Modern Geography
Fabiano Bracht: Early Modern Nautical Rutters and the New Natural Philosophy of the 16th and 17th Centuries

ROUNDTABLE · April 2, Saturday, 11.00 am – 12.30 pm.
Clayton Hotel Cardif Lane - Macken Suite - Lower Ground Level

RECENT HISTORIOGRAPHICAL TRENDS ON EARLY MODERN GLOBALIZATION AND MARITIME EXPANSION

Chair: David Salomoni