

English Voices in Genoa 2019

Cultural Events at the English Church, Piazza Marsala

Images of a New World: Landmark Maps of the Renaissance



Part of the Genoese World Map of 1457

Between 1400 and 1550 the medieval world-image was discarded, and the map of the known world was revolutionised. First, the scientific methods of mapping known in classical Greece but forgotten for centuries, were rediscovered by Renaissance scholars. Second, the voyages of European navigators into the Indian and Atlantic Oceans exploded traditional geography.

The result was a new world-image for the Renaissance age.

This illustrated talk will describe this process by focussing on half a dozen landmark maps, including the unique manuscript Genoese World Map of 1457.

The speaker, Peter Whitfield, is the author of a number of highly-praised works on the history of maps, most recently *Mapping Shakespeare's World*.

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Thursday 6 June 2019 at 5.30