

The "Ocean Crossings" group
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,
announces the call for papers for the Graduate Student Colloquium

(Un)mapping the Mediterranean

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Keynote Speaker:

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The Mediterranean has always been a space marked by fluidic and nomadic networks formed by transnational fluxes of people, goods and ideas. Mapping seems to be the preliminary condition for crossing to happen - allowing subjects to position themselves and to move within space. However, even the act of crossing can become a destabilizing moment through the breaking down of preconceived spatial and cultural coordinates. In this perspective, the Mediterranean allows the possibility to unsettle rather than to trace borders, thus opening up the space for new connections that transcend existing social, cultural, or political frameworks.

Proposals may address, but are not restricted to:

- artistic, literary, social and epistemological representations of the Mediterranean
- the relationships of the subject to the Mediterranean and its crossing
- mapping and cartography
- borders and transnationalism
- mobility and migration

We welcome interdisciplinary contributions that relate to or expand upon the topics suggested above. Papers will be limited to 20 minutes and must be presented in English.

Please send a 200-250 word abstract and include name, email address, academic affiliation, a short bio, and any AV requests to Jessica Sciubba and Corey Flack at illinoisoceancrossings@gmail.com. Abstracts must be received no later than December 23, 2014.

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