The Mediterranean and Mediterraneans in Global History

with David Abulaia (Professor of Mediterranean History, Cambridge), Cyprian Broodbank (Disney Professor of Archaeology, Cambridge), and Paolo Luca Bernardini (Professor of History, Bergamo). Peregrine Horden (Professor in Medieval History, Royal Holloway) chairs the panel. Nick Purcell (Camden Professor of Ancient History, Oxford) will initiate the discussion.

Thursday, February 19, 2015, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The Mediterranean is the world's most studied sea. Debate about Mediterranean civilization - does it exist and if so what is it? - has ignited controversy about other rimlands all over the world and about the role of seas in global history. Do seas divide or unite their shores? Does culture seep across them or get diluted by them? Do they register their chief impact on adjoining lands as routes of exchange, or pools of resources; cauldrons of climate, or traps for winds and currents? Some of the world's leading experts - including the authors of The Corrupting Sea, The Making of the Middle Sea, and The Great Sea - gather to air the issues.

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