

The Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures (CSMC)

cordially invites you to a workshop on

**Genealogical Manuscripts  
A cross-cultural perspective**

**13 – 14 December 2019**

**CSMC, room 0001**

The workshop will explore the wealth of manuscripts dedicated to presenting genealogical information across cultures. It is interested in all forms of written artefacts that have been produced to present and clarify kinship relations.

Realizing that “kinship” has various meanings, the workshop discusses “genealogical” in a wide sense. We consider those manuscripts “genealogical” that are organized by connecting distinct items in order to express filiations, in whatever graphical form. While we remain particularly interested in genealogical materials that express filial relations between human beings (whether biological or not), we also share an interest into more abstract genealogies of non-living things (e.g. in diagrams of “language-families”).

We assume that genealogy as a form of organizing information creates specific forms of manuscripts, including diagrammatic forms such as lists and tables. The workshop seeks to compare manuscripts produced by different cultures in order to present genealogical information. We will combine case studies that show how genealogical manuscripts function, and what they show (and do not show), with studies focusing on the creation of such manuscripts.