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 to 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.
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December 13, Friday

9.00 – Welcome and Introduction

**The Muslim World**

9.30-10.15 – Kazuo Morimoto: *Mushajjars*. Multi-Page Genealogical Charts of the Prophet Muhammad's Kinfolk

10.15-11.00 – Evrim Binbas: The King's Two Lineages: Genealogical imagination and the Early Modern Ottoman Political Discourse.

11.00-11.15 – Coffee


12.15-13.45 – Lunch

**East Asian Genealogies**


14.30-15.15 – Jörg Quenzer: Fictive Genealogies. The “Tale of Genji” (Genji monogatari) and its Commentaries

15.15-15.45 – Coffee
1545-16.30 – Chris Agnew: Distinguishing Pearls from Fish Eyes: The Genealogies of the Descendants of Confucius

16.30-17.15 – Michela Bussotti: Compiling genealogies in central China: Huizhou genealogies as an example

18.00: Keynote
Staffan Müller-Wille: Corners, Tables, Lines. Visualizing Relations of Blood and Race

December 14, Saturday
European Perspectives


9.45-10.30 – Fiona Vicent: The Making of Burgeois Family Trees

10.30-11.00 – Coffee

11.00-11.45 – Jasmin Hauck: Genealogical Schemes in Court: Legal Theory, Court Practice and Notions of Gender in Florentine Marriage Dispensations.

11.45-12.30 – Markus Friedrich: Handwriting and the Art of Creating Genealogical Knowledge in Early Modern Europe

12.30-13.15 – Ivan Poliakov: Genealogical materials in the library of the Romodanovsky princes