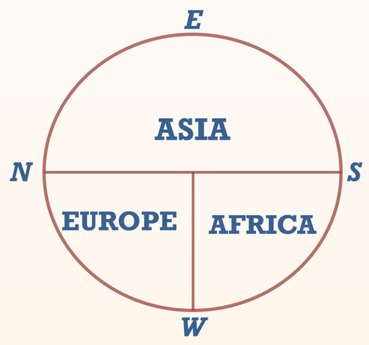
Transforming Definitions of Europe.

The Image of the World and its Legacy, 1110-1500



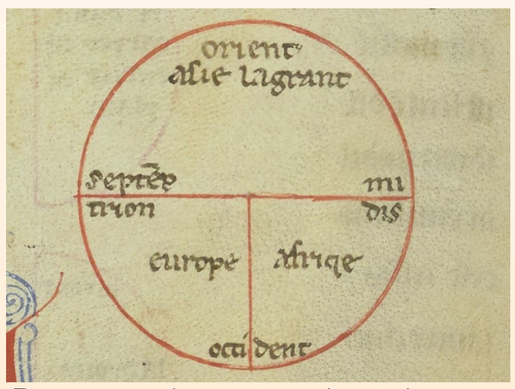


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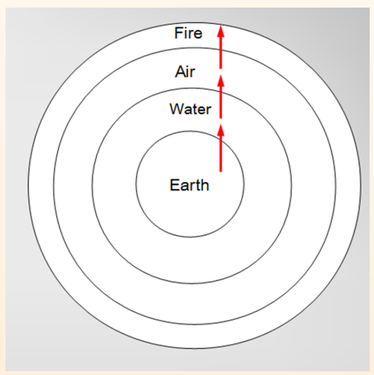
Diagram depicting the inhabited part of the world

Gossouin de Metz, *Image du monde* (detail); Bibliothèque nationale de France, Fr. 2173 (thirteenth century)

Honorius Augustodunensis, *Imaago mundi*

Versions composed 1110, 1123, 1133, 1139, ?1152

3 Books: I. Space —
II. Time — III. History



Medieval translations into: French, Anglo-Norman, Castilian, Italian, Welsh, Norse, Hebrew, Middle English.

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Bibliothèque nationale de France, Es. 30 (detail)
Abraham Cresques?. ‚Catalan Atlas' (1370-1380)

Describing Europe:

Europa ab Europe rege, vel ab Europa filia Agenoris est nominata. In qua inprimis versus septentrionem sunt Rifei montes et Tanais fluvius, a Tanai rege dictus, et Meotides paludes, magno mari iuxta Theodosiam urbem seiungentes

- Honorius Augustodunensis, *Imago mundi* I.21, ed. Flint, p. 59

Heuropa es dicha e llamada del nonbre de vn rrey que fue que dixieron don Ehurope, e otrosi puede ser dicha del nonbre de vna reyna que fue que dixieron por nonbre donna Ehuropa, e fue fija del rrey Agenor. E esta partida de Ehuropa copiença en vn rrio que dizen Tanays, e deçiende fasta oçidente el mar ayuso, e parte de setentrion e viene por toda la Espanna, e acabase en la nuestra mar de Espanna.

- *Semejança del mundo,* ed, W. E. Bull, LXIII

Project: Defining 'Europe' in Medieval Geographical Discourse

https://definingeurope.sites.uu.nl/

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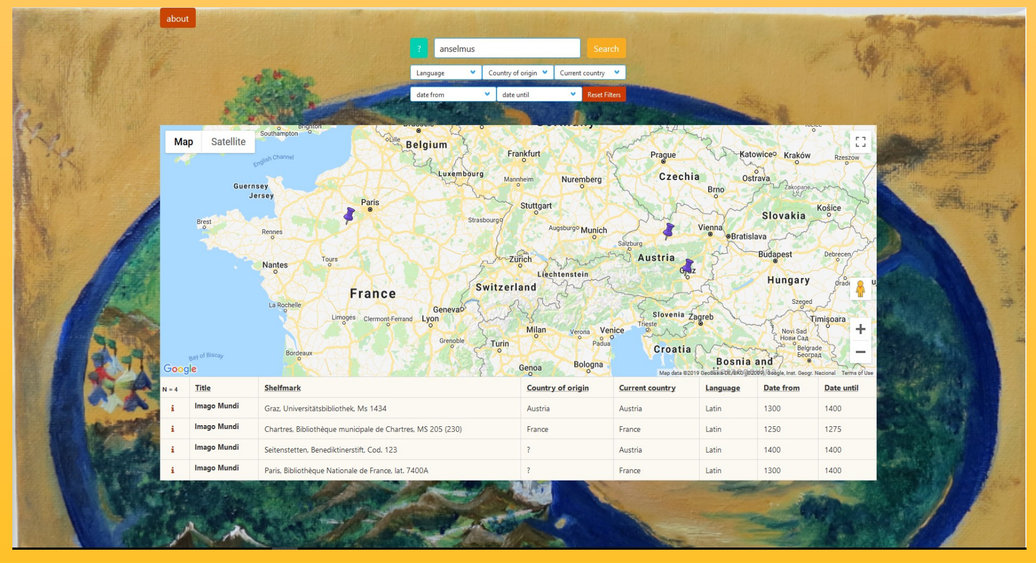
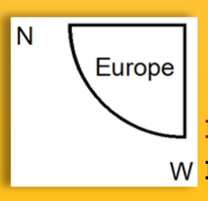
Objectives:

1. Understand the medieval geographical definition of Europe
2. Establish how this definition was disseminated (1110-1500)

Database: Images of the World: Manuscripts of the *Imago Mundi tradition*

https://imagomundi.acc.hum.uu.nl





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