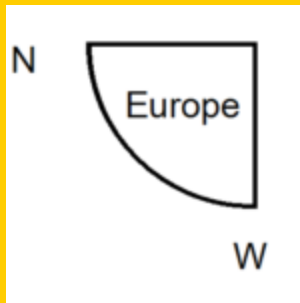




The Transmission of Geographical Knowledge in Medieval Europe: Latin and Vernacular Manuscripts of the Imago Mundi Tradition



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The Project

The project will show how the *Imago of the World*, one of the most influential texts in European intellectual history which described the world as it was known (or imagined), contributed to the development of the idea of Europe.

The project has two primary objectives:

- to understand the medieval geographical definition of Europe
- to establish how this definition spread in the period 1110-1500

The project will examine the descriptions of Europe in the geographical section of *Imago mundi*, an encyclopedic text written in Latin in the twelfth century, and in its medieval European vernacular translations. In addition, it will address the issue of how the description of Europe might have changed in the course of transmission across linguistic, cultural and political boundaries, by including vernacular texts loosely based on the *Imago mundi*, as well as texts that constitute translations in the conventional sense of the word.

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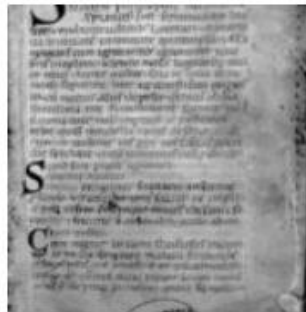
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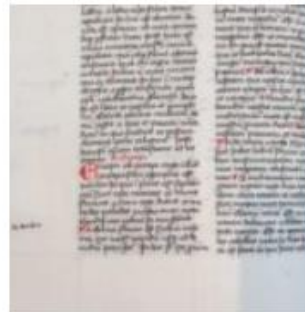
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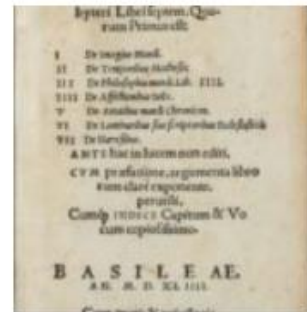
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Imago Mundi

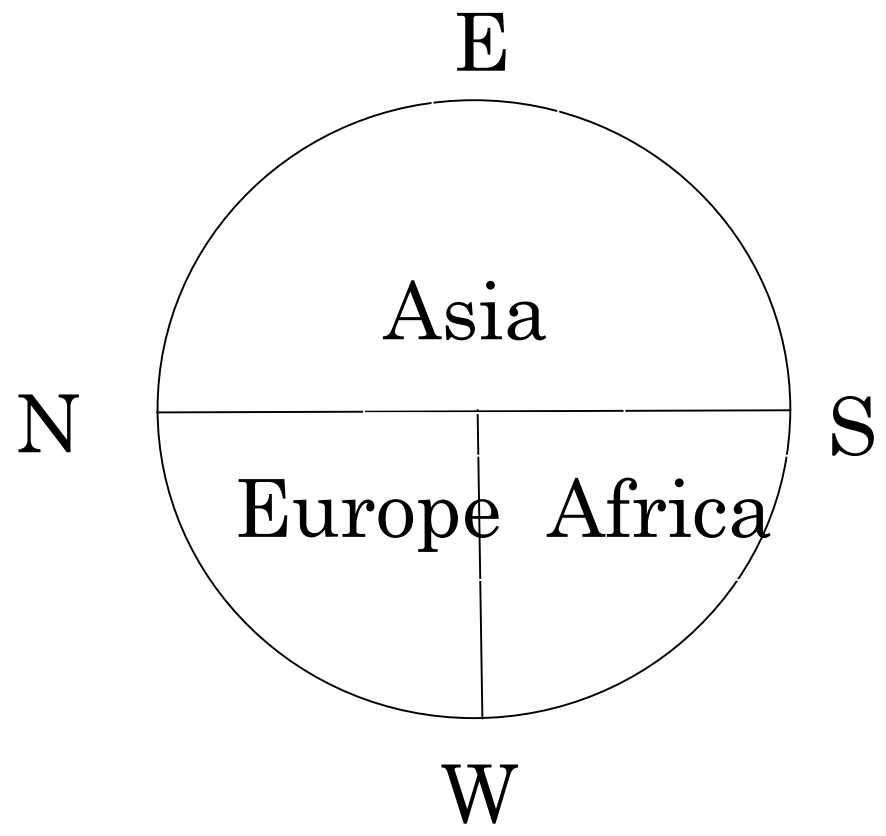
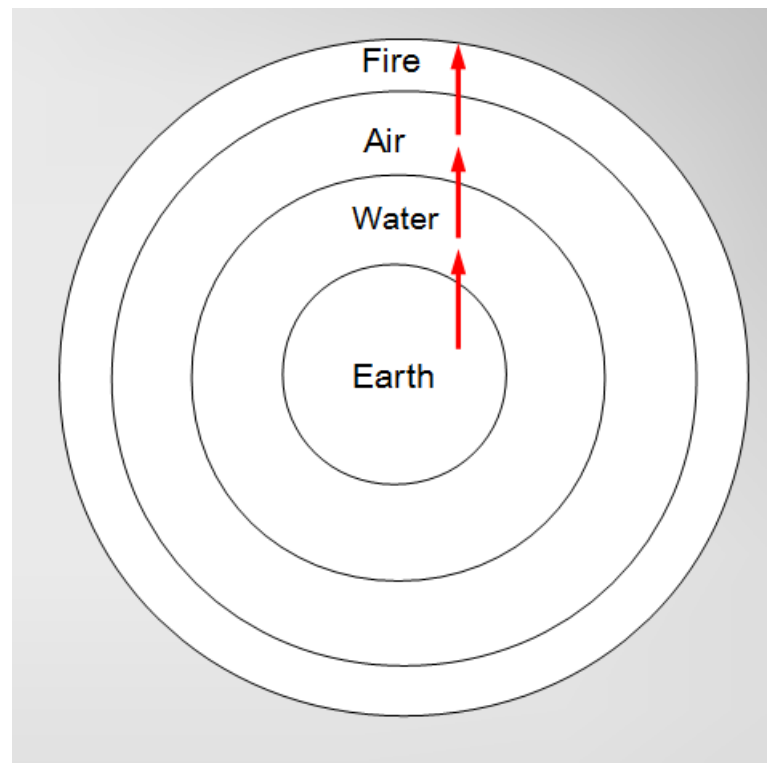
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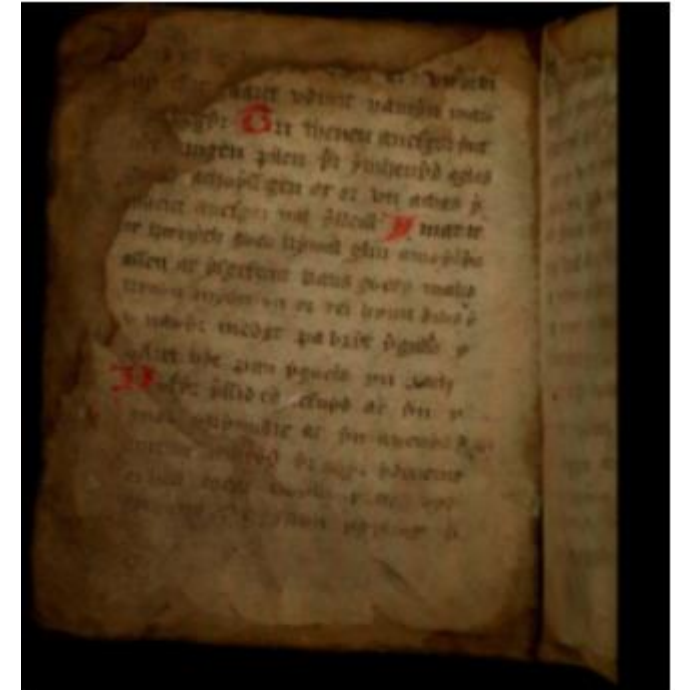
Book III: History

Imago Mundi. Book I



Imago Mundi: translations and adaptations

- *Imago Mundi* – Latin
- *L'Image du Monde* – French (Gautier de Metz)
- *Mappe Monde* – French (Pierre de Beauvais)
- *La Petite Philosophie* – Anglo-Norman
- *Divisiones Mundi* – Anglo-Norman
- *Delw y Byd* – Welsh
- *Semeiança del Mundo* – Castilian
- *Ymagine del Mondo* - Italian
- *Ymago Mundi* – Old Norse
- *Das Buch von der Forme und Bildnuß der Welt* – German
- *עולמות* עולם Hebrew



Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS

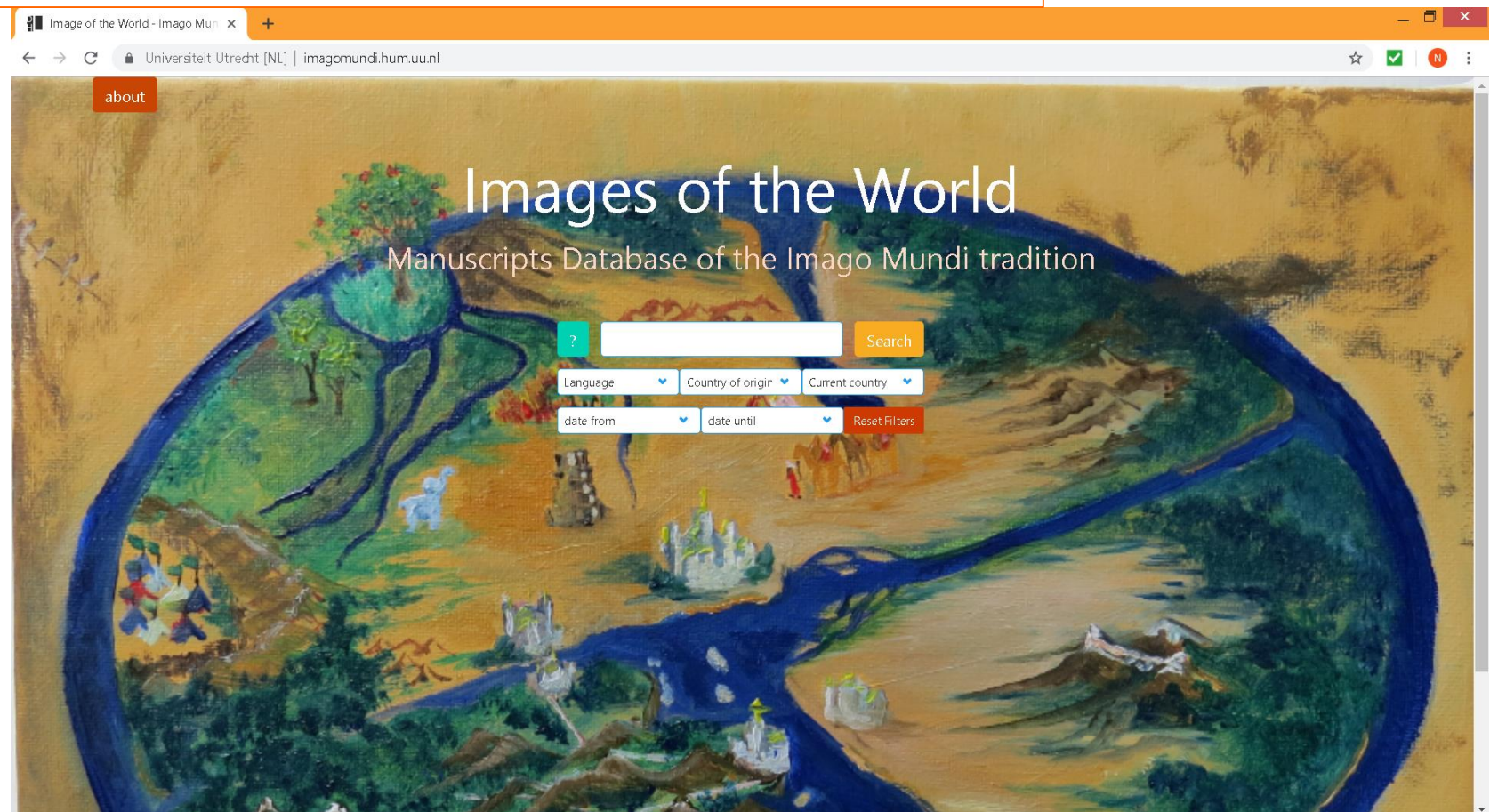
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350+ MSS of *IM* + vernacular adaptations (*Delw y byd* etc.). Fragments, extracts, and extensive quotations in compilations are included.



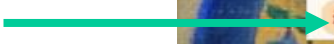
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Imago Mundi - version Christianus

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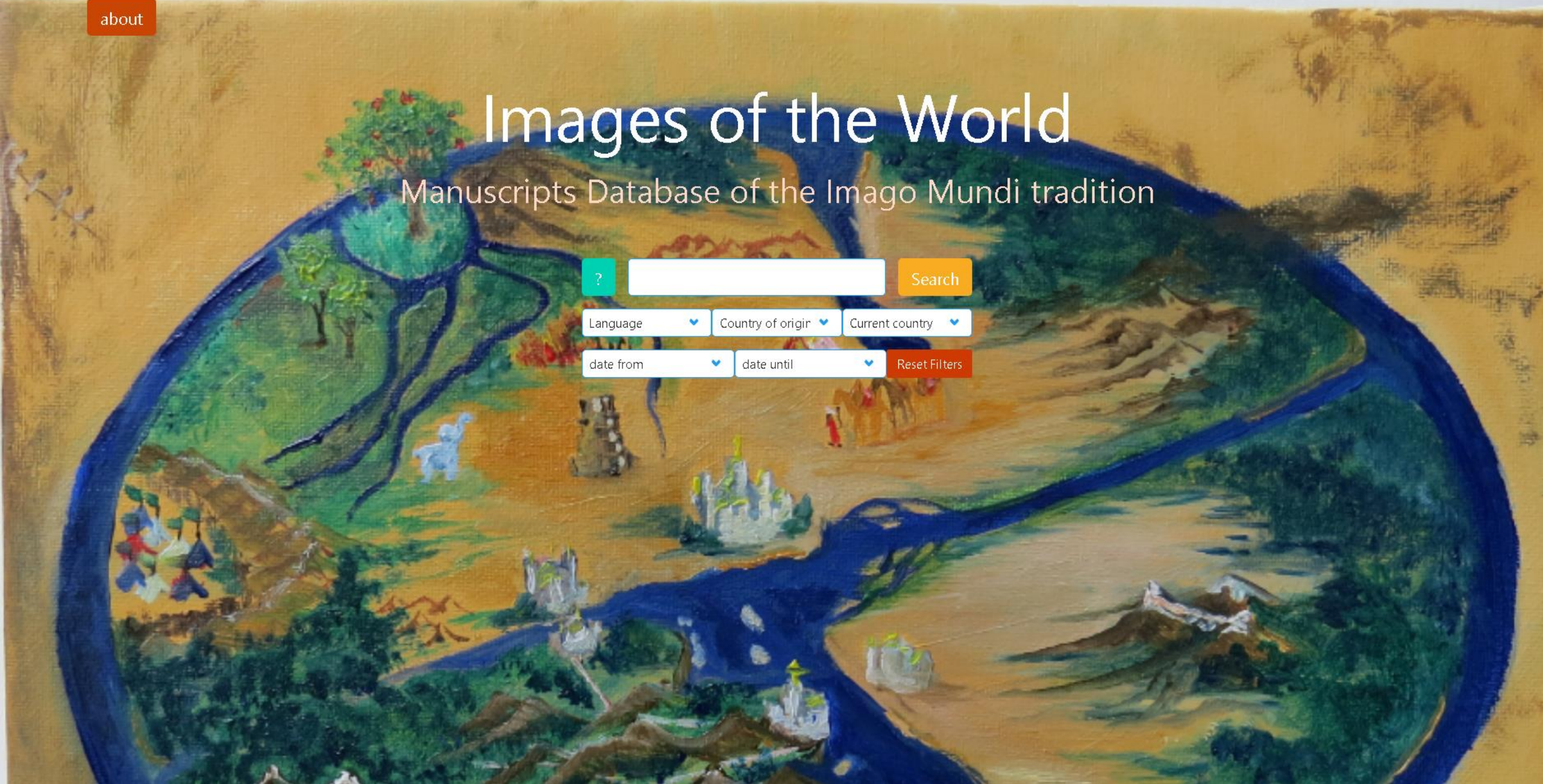
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