# TOPOI, TOPOGRAPHIES AND TRAVELLERS

- travel literature at the crossroads between real and ideal

# Conference at the Swedish Institute in Rome Thursday 10 November – Saturday 12 November 2016

Arranged by the project Topos and Topography – Rome as the Guidebook City

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## Thursday, 10 November

09.30

Welcome & introduction:

## Stefano Fogelberg Rota & Anna Blennow

09.40

*Introductory key note:* 

Michael Rowlands University College London, Department of Anthropology

The Rome Syndrome – tourism as a possesssional act

## Session 1. Topoi, or the fictionalization of places

**10.30 Simon Malmberg** University of Bergen, Department of Archaeology, History, Cultural Studies and Religion

Rome as Palimpsest: Imaginings and Proto-Guidebooks of Late Antique and Early Medieval Rome

#### 11.00 Coffee break

11.15 Chloe Chard Independent scholar, London

Fatigue and food in Rome and remoter places

**11.50 Ingrid Rowland** University of Notre Dame, School of Architecture, Rome *Viterbo as a Model of Rome* 

**12.25 Unn Falkeid** Oslo university, Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas Ego vidua. The Topos of the Widowed Rome in Fourteenth-Century Literature.

#### 13.00 Lunch

**14.15 Mario Bevilacqua** Università degli Studi, Firenze, Department of Architecture

Texts and maps: constructing cityscapes in Jerome de Lalande's "Voyage d'un françois en Italie", 1769

Going east to find the west – some accounts of travels to Constantinople in the late 19th–early 20th centuries.

**14.50 Ragnar Hedlund** Uppsala university, Department of Archaeology and Ancient History

**15.25 Jilke Golbach** University College London, Institute of Archaeology: Heritage Studies

Topoi Revisited: Traces and Erasures of Memory in Artist Sharon Kivland's "Freud on Holiday"

and Photographer Evelyn Hofer's "Emerson in Italy".

#### Friday, 11 November

Session II. Topographies, or the physicality & textuality of travelling

**9.30 Conrad Rudolph** University of California, Department of the History of Art

The Tour Guide in the Middle Ages: Guide Culture and the Mediation of Public Art

10.10 Claes Gejrot Editor-in-Chief, Swedish National Archives

Medieval Swedish Pilgrims in the Charter Material

**10.45 Maria H. Oen** Stockholm university, Department of Culture and Aestehetics

Birgitta of Sweden and the Transformative Impact of Gazing at the Holy Land

#### 11.20 Coffee

**11.45 John Brewer** California Institute of Technology, Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences

Visitors' books, travel guides, and journals: the case of Vesuvius

**12.20 Ola Winberg** Uppsala university, Department of History

Swedish noblemen's grand tours in Europe in the 17th century

13.00 Lunch

**14.15** Topos and Topography – preliminary project results

Anna Blennow & Stefano Fogelberg Rota

15.15–16.45 Walking seminar Pincio-Piazza del Popolo

## Saturday, 12 November

## Session III. Travellers, or the transformations of identities

**9.00 Paula Henrikson** Uppsala university, Department of Literature

Ripeness is all: Swedish romantic Grand Tour travelogue and the Bildungsroman

**9.35 Christina Kullberg** Uppsala university, Department of Modern Languages

Transforming Characters: Languages and Forms in Early Modern French Travel Writing to the Caribbean

10.05 Anders Bengtsson Stockholm university, Department of Romance studies and Classics

Eric von Roland's French diary

## 10.40 Coffee

**11.00 Jacob Orrje** Stockholm university, Department of Culture and Aesthetics

Patriotic and cosmopolitan patchworks. Travellers, go-betweens and travelling transformations in 18th-century Anglo-Swedish exchange

11.35 Thomas Velle Department of Literary Studies, Ghent University

Imag(in)ing Rome. Holberg's Comical Presentation of a City and an Oeuvre.

**12.10 Ola Svenle** KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Architecture School, department of history and theory

Academy traveller identity

## 12.45 Lunch

**14.00** Concluding key note:

Wim Verbaal Department of Literary Studies: Latin, Ghent University

Narrabo omnia mirabilia tua. Writing down Rome's written miracles.

14.45–18.00 Walking seminar (Fontana di Trevi area) and concluding discussion