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READING LIST

Course Title: Travellers and Travel Writing in Medieval Europe and Beyond
Location: Ewert House, Oxford
Term Dates: 22 Apr 2026 to 20 May 2026
Tutor: Patricia Stewart

The reading list below was supplied by the course tutor.

If you have enrolled on a course starting in the autumn, you can become a borrowing member of the Rewley House library from 1st September. If you are enrolled on a course starting in other terms, you can become a borrowing member once the previous term has ended. For example, students starting in January can join the Library in early December and those starting in April can join in early March.

If you are planning to purchase any books, please keep in mind that courses with insufficient students enrolled will be cancelled. The Department accepts no responsibility for books bought in anticipation of a course running.

Preparatory Reading List

The items on this list are to give you some background to the materials and ideas that we will be covering on the course.

Author	Title
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Campbell, M.B.	<i>The Witness and the Other World: Exotic European Travel Writing, 400-1600</i>
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Ohler, N.	<i>The Medieval Traveller</i>
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Phillips, J.R.S.	<i>The Medieval Expansion of Europe</i>
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Course Reading List

The items on this list are to support your learning while you are taking the course.

Author	Title
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Allen, R.	<i>Eastward Bound-Travel & Travellers 1050-1550</i>
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Binyamin, M.	<i>The Itinerary of Benjamin of Tudela: Travels in the Middle Ages</i>
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- Edson, E. *Mapping Time and Space: How Medieval Mapmakers Viewed their World*
- Euben, R.L. *Journeys to the Other Shore: Muslim and Western Travelers in Search of Knowledge*
- Farmer, D.H. and Webb, J.F. *The Age of Bede*
- Fernández-Armesto, F. *Before Columbus: Exploration and Colonisation from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic 1229-1492*
- Friedman, J.B. *The Monstrous Races in Medieval Art and Thought*
- Friedman, J.B. and Figg, K.M. *Trade, Travel and Exploration in the Middle Ages: An Encyclopaedia*
- Haw, S.G. *Marco Polo's China: A Venetian in the Realm of Khubilai Khan*
- Heng, G. *The Invention of Race in the European Middle Ages*
- Higgins, I.M. *Writing East: The 'Travels' of Sir John Mandeville*
- Jackson, P. *The Mongols and the West, 1221-1410*
- Kunz, K. *The Vinland Sagas*
- Larner, J. *Marco Polo and the Discovery of the World*
- Latham, R.E. *The Travels of Marco Polo*
- Moseley, C.W.R.D. *The Travels of Sir John Mandeville*
- Wood, F. *Did Marco Polo Go to China?*