

Departement Altertumswissenschaften



## Der Fachbereich Latinistik lädt ein zum Workshop

## Poetik der Neuen Welt

Freitag, 3. Mai 2019, 14.15-17.00 Uhr

## Dr. Maya Feile Tomes (Cambridge)

«The poetics of the New World in early modern epic»



Im Anschluss an ihren Vortrag leitet Dr. Feile Tomes einen Workshop unter dem Titel «Readings in Columbus epic: José Manuel Peramás's *De Invento Novo Orbe* (1777)».



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«The early modern period was a time of transformative change on a global scale as formerly unconnected parts of the world came into contact for the first time (especially in the wake of Columbus's epoch-defining crossing of the Atlantic in 1492), causing horizons – both geographical and epistemological – to expand radically. This posed a number of interpretative challenges. One of the tools by which Europeans sought to make sense of what they encountered was through and in relation to the classical tradition. But how was America accommodated within a cultural tradition first developed by the ancient Greco-Roman inhabitants of the Mediterranean Basin, who did not have the first idea of America's existence? And what happened once the classical tradition was transmitted to America itself – imported in the form of books, imparted in the classrooms – where it took root and swiftly took on a thriving life of its own? Focusing on literary responses and drawing on the tradition of early modern poetry in particular, this presentation will seek to consider some of these questions.»

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Der Anlass findet im Raum 306 des Departementes Altertumswissenschaften, Rosshof, Petersgraben 51, statt. Gäste sind herzlich willkommen!

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