

THE MONGOL ARCHIVE IN LATE MEDIEVAL FRANCE

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Noon - 2:00 pm

MU 242, La Paz

ABSTRACT

This illustrated talk will discuss Professor Cruse's book *The Mongol Archive in Late Medieval France: Texts, Objects, Encounters, 1221-1422* (Cornell University Press, 2025), with a focus on some of the most significant records of the centuries-long relationship between the French and the Mongols: *The Description of the World* by Marco Polo, the Catalan Atlas (from ca. 1375, the oldest surviving European map to portray China), and the beautifully illuminated *Book of Marvels*.



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