The history of exploration has often been thought of as a heroic drama in which the explorer is the principal narrator and protagonist. This two-day conference will discuss exploration as a collective effort and experience involving a variety of people and social strata in various kinds of relationships. It will engage with the recent resurgence in interest in the history of exploration, by focusing on the various intermediaries, the guides, translators and hosts who assisted and facilitated European travellers in exploring different parts of the world.

More than 30 speakers will explore a range of issues raised by historical reconsideration of intermediaries including: art, photography and expeditions, bodies and cross cultural encounters, Aboriginal peoples oral histories and memories of expeditions, guides and agency, local knowledge and science.

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