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Vince Ungvary presents: “Marco Polo, Columbus and old maps of China”

The story of Marco Polo and his 24 years living in China is well known. Less well known is the huge impact that Marco Polo had on early Western mapping of China. In this talk, Vince Ungvary will take you through a journey in time – back to the 13th Century when Polo visited China and show how maps made in the 15th & 16th century were heavily influenced by Marco Polo’s writings. Marco Polo’s description of the Far East and its riches also probably inspired Christopher Columbus’s decision to try to reach Asia by sea.

Original, rare antique maps of China from 1600-1800’s will be on display and available for purchase after the talk.

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