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Del Caribe al Ganges Cristóbal Colón y la primera globalización Lecture by Catalina Quesada Gómez, Universität Bern

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Catalina Quesada Gómez (Ph.D. Universidad de Sevilla) is Professor of Latin American Literature and Culture at the Center for Global Studies/Institut für spanische Sprache und Literaturen, Universität Bern, Switzerland. She is the author of *La metanovela hispanoamericana en el último tercio del siglo XX. Las prácticas metanovelescas de Salvador Elizondo, Severo Sarduy, José Donoso y Ricardo Piglia* (2009) and *Narrativa colombiana contemporánea* (forthcoming), as well as of numerous articles and book chapters on Hispanic literary and cultural studies. Dr. Quesada Gómez has held teaching and research positions at Paris-Sorbonne, Limoges, Paris V, Amiens, Madrid (Autónoma), Buenos Aires, Managua, and Santiago de Chile. In her presentation, she explores the links between the Americas and Asia, which date back to Columbus' geographic miscalculation by the end of the fifteenth century. Since then, relationships between the two continents have been frequent and fluid. Drawing on historical and literary documents and moving away from the conventional Transatlantic perspective, she analyzes the details of that inaugural miscalculation, in what could be considered as the first attempt of globalization under the Catholic aegis of the Spanish Monarchy (1580-1640), and their implications for future interactions between the Western and Eastern Indies.

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