

# *Historians on the go*

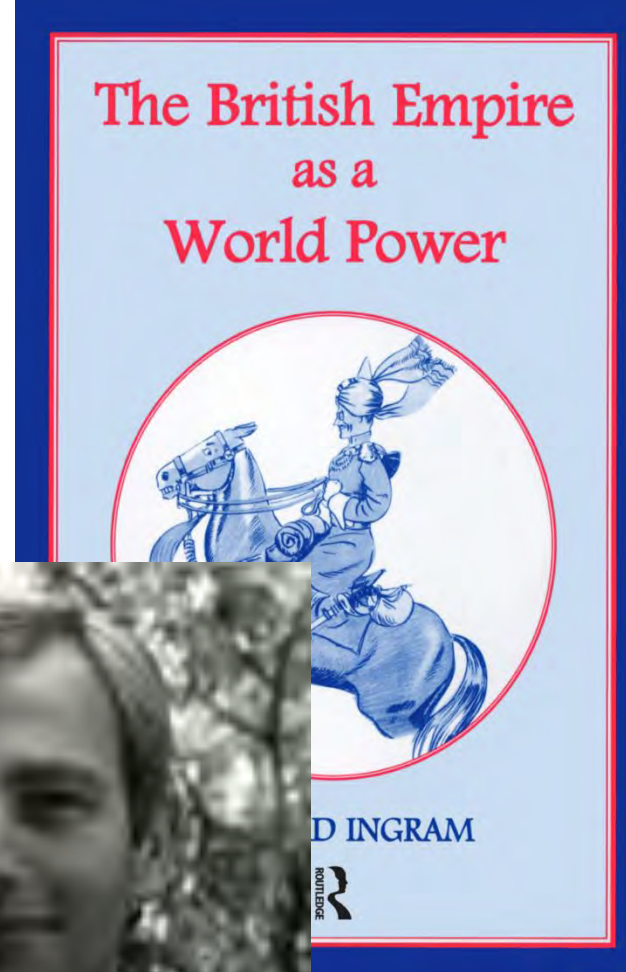
An introduction to international collaboration

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‘How tired one is of travellers and of the commonplace photos they carry around in handbags and wallets in the hope of showing them off to the unwary over lunch. Historians, like popes, should stay at home. They should stop pretending that their taste for wandering around Cairo, Lugano or Cuernavaca deepens their understanding of the past. To sit on a rock overlooking the Khyber Pass may pass for a romantic, even adventurous, way to spend an afternoon (....) it will tell one little about the Great Game in Asia.’

- Edward Ingram, *The British Empire as a World Power* (New York 2001), ix



# Contents

- Why would one want to go?
- How does one do it?



What previous international  
experience do you have?

# CV Abroad: PhD

- Erasmus exchange, Zagreb
- ERC project group
  - Archival research: UK, France, Austria, US
  - Conferences: Consortium on the Revolutionary Era
  - Publications: edited volumes
- APH: Political History PhD Network
  - Political History PhD Workshops
  - Newsletter team



# Why? - Scientific

- The archival demands of international history
- Historiographical forefront
- Research skills
- Professional skills



# Why? - Strategic

- Academic contacts
- Output
- CV-boosting



# Why? - Personal

- Away from the office
- The Great Unknown
- Crusoe life

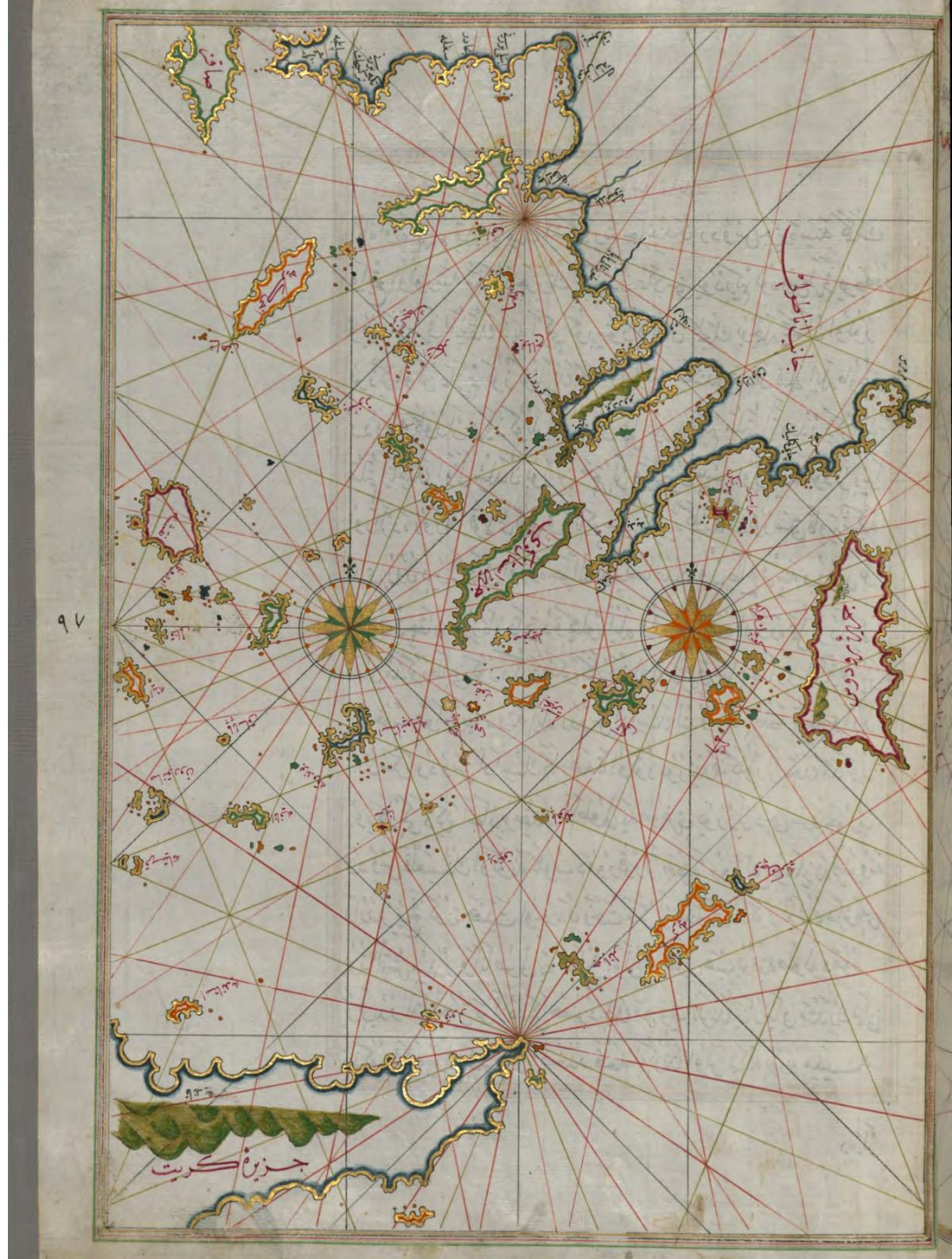




Where would you ideally want to go?  
Or be more connected to?

# How?

- Routemap
- Means & funds
- Hazards of the road



# How? - Routemap

1. Establish first contact
2. Devise plans
3. Begin small
4. Steer profile
5. Find necessary means



# How? – Means & Funds

- Short stays
  - Library grants, society grants,  
institutional fellowship  
programmes
- Longer stays
  - Nielsen Stensen, NWO  
Rubicon, Marie Curie
- International job market

# CV OF FAILURES



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NIELS STENSEN  
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for socially committed scientists

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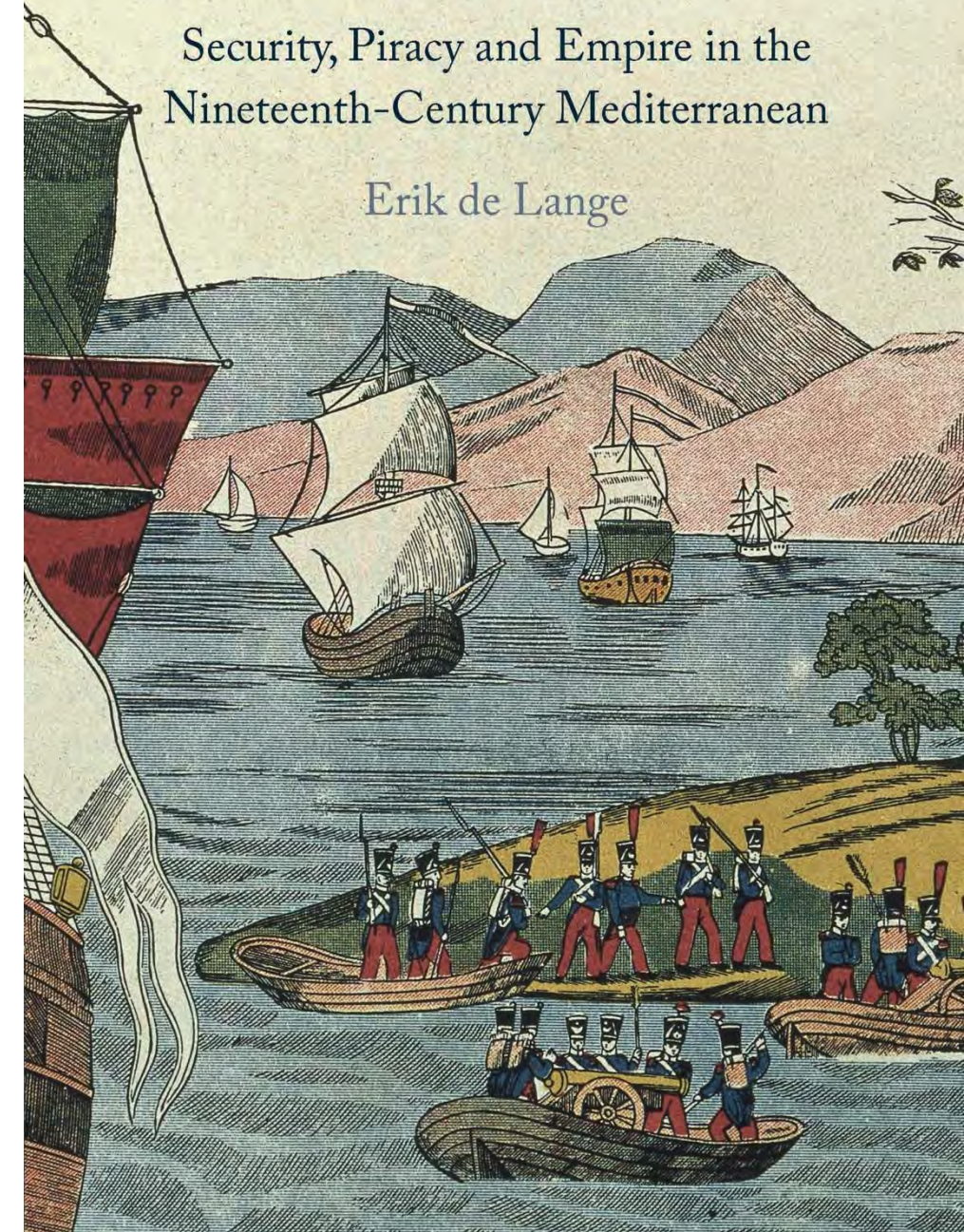
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# Menacing Tides

Security, Piracy and Empire in the  
Nineteenth-Century Mediterranean

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# How? – Means & Funds

- Sources
  - H-Net, HSozKult, calenda.org
  - Royal Historical Society
  - American Historical Association
- Research Support / International Office
- Grapevine

# How? – Hazards

- Competition
- Bureaucracies, everywhere!
- Foreign lands, foreign ways





# Conclusion

- Right destination, right reason
- Weather the storms
- Redirect course
- Take in the views

