

## Science Popularization as Cultural Diplomacy: UNESCO (1946-1958)

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Venue: [Institut d'Història de la Ciència \(UAB\)](#), Seminar room, 24-25 November 2022.

### PROGRAMME

15 minutes presentation by the author, 15 minutes by the commentator, 30 minutes for a general discussion among all participants

#### Thursday, 24 November ([iHC-Seminar room](#))

10:00-10:15: Introduction

**Jaume Sastre-Juan, Andrée Bergeron and Agustí Nieto-Galan**

10:15-11:15: Science Popularization from the League of Nations to UNESCO: Continuities and Discontinuities in International Policies (1938-1948)

**Jaume Sastre-Juan (Institut d'Història de la Ciència (iHC), UAB) and Andrée Bergeron (Centre Alexandre Koyré, Paris)**

Comments by Thomas Mougey

11:15-11:45: [Coffee Break](#)

11:45-12:45: Reordering the post-war world through science: The Natural Science Division and the public display of ecumenical science at the 1946 International Scientific Exhibition.

**Thomas Mougey (Centre Alexandre Koyré, Paris/Lund Center for the History of Knowledge)**

Comments by Kristian Nielsen & Casper Andersen

14:30-15:30: Børge Michelsen and UNESCO as teacher of norms in science popularisation

**Kristian Hvidtfelt Nielsen and Casper Andersen (Aarhus University)**

Comments by Jaume Sastre-Juan & Andrée Bergeron

15:30-16:00: [Coffee Break](#)

16:00-17:00: Hans Nachtsheim, the UNESCO declarations on race and the re-integration of West German science after 1945

**Matthis Krischel (Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)**

Comments by Maria Rentetzi

17:00-18:00:

“Smashing the Head of a Pin”, How UNESCO’s Popularization Program Altered the Effects of Atomic Energy on International Relations

**Maria Rentetzi (Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg)**

Comments by Matthis Krischel

### **Friday, 25 November (iHC-Seminar room)**

10:00-11:00: ‘É um abacaxi’: Unesco’s traveling scientific exhibition for Latin America (1949-1953)

**Adriana Minor (Centro de Estudios Históricos, El Colegio de México)**

Comments by Agustí Nieto-Galan

11:00-11:30: [Coffee break](#)

11:30-12:30: ‘Man Measures the Universe’: Instruments, Ciphers and Numbers Travelling through the Cold War.

**Agustí Nieto-Galan (Institut d’Història de la Ciència (iHC), UAB)**

Comments by Adriana Minor

12:30-13:00: **General discussion and publication prospects**

13:45: End of the workshop



Man measures the Universe, Prague, 19/11-20/12/1957  
[Photographies. Expositions scientifiques. Voll III, 1954, 1957, 1959](#)  
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