

Brussels Map Circle - Programme 2015 - Excursion

The World in a Mirror – exhibition



The Earth's surface area is 510 million m². For centuries, humans all around the world have tried to make Earth's massive size comprehensible in a smaller format, namely in maps of the world. Maps of the world, from past to present, show us what we know about the world. World maps are reflections of a spirit of the times. In the Christian Middle Ages, Jerusalem was the centre of the world maps. The unknown parts of the world were populated with monsters and fairy-tale figures. Explorations later expanded horizons. Eastern and Western knowledge came together. Globes were created. Now, thanks to Google's satellite maps, it seems like we know practically everything about the world. But is that true?

"The World in a Mirror" depicts the history of the Western view of the world using unique maps and globes. Each century saw more and more of the world being mapped out, and the way in which that world was presented different in each century too. A few contemporary artists add their own reflections of the world to this story.

**The members of the Brussels Map Circle will be guided by curator Jan Parmentier.
No Fee for members.**

Date: 9 May 2015, at 14.30 at the entrance of the exhibition

Venue: MAS Antwerp - Museum aan de Stroom
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http://www.mas.be/Museum_MAS_EN/MASEN/Visits/Visits-Access.html

After the guided walk, those who want can join us for a drink in a nearby café.

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