Early modern exploration and colonization brought diverse emotional regimes into contact, often in fraught circumstances, resulting in the high-stakes cross-cultural communication (or, often, miscommunication) of emotions via gesture, facial expression, the symbolic exchange of objects, and meaningful movements through space. These contact zones are rich sites for explorations of the intercultural linguistic and extra-linguistic interpretation of emotions, recorded in official reports, letters home, oral history, legal proceedings, and the historical record of events precipitated by a misreading of these culturally-contingent markers of emotion.

Call for papers by Wednesday 10 June 2015

Interested researchers are invited to contribute short papers (around 15 minutes) reflecting work in progress on any geographical/social context of the topic. Please send proposals (title, 200 word description, affiliation) to:

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