

Comparative Medieval Literatures: Geopolitics and the Mongol Empire
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Middle Mongol:

Historiography

1. *The Secret History of the Mongols* (13th c.)

Government

2. Steles & Inscriptions (selections)

 Stele of Yisüngge (1227)

 The Sino-Mongolian Inscription of 1240

 The Sino-Mongolian Inscription of 1335 in Memory of Chang Ying-Jui

 The Sino-Mongolian Inscription of 1338 in Memory of Jigüntei

 The Sino-Mongolian Inscription of 1348

 The Sino-Mongolian Inscription of 1362 in Memory of Prince Hindu

Religious & Divination

3. *Big Dipper Sūtra* (1328)

4. *A Treasury of Aphoristic Jewels: The Subhasitaratnanidhi of Sa Skya Pandita in Tibetan and Mongolian* (1235-80)

5. Divination (selections)

 “Vajracchedikā” in *Buddhist Wisdom Books* (13th c.)

Mongolian Prophetic Book (17th c. copy of a Middle Mongol text)

Yuan Dynasty (Chinese)

Historiography

6. Rabban Sauma, *The Monks of Kublai Khan* (13th c.)

7. *History of Yuan* (1370)

8. *Thorough Account of the Mongol Tartars* (1221)

9. *Brief Account of the Black Tartars* (1237)

10. Luo Guanzhong, *Romance of the Three Kingdoms* (14th c.)

11. *The Three Sui Quash the Demons' Revolt* (14th c.)

Philosophy & Government

12. *The Philosophy of Human Nature* (12th c.)

Drama

13. Guan Hanqing, *The Injustice to Dou E*

Rescued by a Coquette

Death of the Winged-Tiger General

14. Wang Shih-fu, *The Story of the Western Wing*

Japanese:

Historiography

15. Takezaki Suenaga, *In Little Need of Divine Intervention* (13th c.)

Autobiography

16. *The Confessions of Lady Nijō* (1307)

Zuihitsu Essays

17. Yoshida Kenkō, *Essays in Idleness* (1330-1332)

18. Sei Shōnagon, *The Pillow Book* (ca 1000)

19. Kamo no Chōmei, *An Account of My Hut* (1212)

Korean

Historiography

20. *Koryosa choryo II* (1452)

Persian

Historiography

21. Rashid al-Din, *A Compendium of Chronicles: A History of the Mongols* (13th c.)

22. Juvaini, *The History of the World Conqueror* (13th c.)

Arabic

23. Ibn Battuta, *The Travels* (13th c.)

European

24. Roger Bacon, *Opus Majus* (13th c.)

25. Marco Polo, *The Description of the World* (13th c.)

26. John of Monte Corvino, Andrew of Perugia (13th c.)

27. John of Plano Carpini (13th c.)

28. William of Rubruck, *The Mission of Friar William of Rubruck*

29. Oderic of Pordenone, *Vita* (1350)

30. *Mandeville's Travels* (1357-71)

Secondary Texts

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| 1. 2009 | Akbari, Suzanne | <i>Idols in the East</i> |
| 2. 1990 | Bhabha, Homi K. | <i>Nation and Narration</i> |
| 3. 2001 | Cohen, JJ (ed.) | <i>The Postcolonial Middle Ages</i> |
| 4. 1992 | Greenblatt, Stephen | <i>Marvelous Possessions</i> (selections) |
| 5. 2012 | Heng, Geraldine | <i>Empires of Magic</i> |
| 6. 2014 | Khanmohamadi, Shirin | <i>In Light of Another's Word: European Ethnography</i> |
| 7. 2002 | Komaroff, Linda and Stefano Carboni (eds.) | <i>The Legacy of Genghis Khan: Courtly Art and Culture in Western Asia</i> |
| 8. 2004 | Lavezzo, Kathy | <i>Imagining a Medieval English Nation</i> |
| 9. 2016 | Lochrie, Karma | <i>Nowhere in the Middle Ages</i> |

10. 1992 Pratt, Mary Louise *Imperial Eyes*
11. 2014 Phillips, Kim *Before Orientalism: Asian Peoples and Culture in European Travel Writing in the Middle Ages*