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# «Rome and its Indies: A Global Shaping of the World at the End of the Sixteenth Century»

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During the two last decades, historiography has registered a renewed interest for urban history within the framework of the «cultural turn». In parallel the new history of science, interested in agency, circulations and connections, networks and trajectory of artefacts, individuals or social groups, has focused on hubs, world-cities as places of global connections.

Based on an empirical set of research dedicated to Rome in the Early Modern period, the aim of this paper is twofold

- to consider the profile of and part played by Rome as a Renaissance world-city
- to develop some preliminary working hypotheses about the different (types of) hubs participating in the shaping of the knowledge that constituted Rome as a global city.

In this sense, the paper will pay attention to the smaller cities and/or places that were part of a «circuit of globalization» – as one of its aims is to understand which kind of spaces are involved in such processes, and how they take part in it.