Modernity, historicity and the construction of territorialities from a worldpassage. The Strait of Magellan after its "discovery" [Modernidad, historicidad y construcción de territorialidades desde un Pasaje-Mundo. El estrecho de Magallanes tras su "descubrimiento"]

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This article analyzes the importance given in geopolitical, historical and spatial terms to the discovery of the Strait of Magellan and to the first circumnavigation voyage, initially led by Ferdinand Magellan, but completed under the command of Sebastián Elcano. For this purpose the information provided by the first official document produced after this trip, where the voyage is considered as a global event is studied. This document is a letter written by Maximilian Transylvanus in 1522; it describes a series of details going beyond the geographic or merely cartographic dimension of the discovery of this strait, which I call world-passage. The document reflects a breaking point in what was the European historical, spatial and territorial consciousness at that time. By the same token, how the Strait of Magellan served, from the very moment of its discovery, as a landmark to articulate other real or imaginary territorial references is studied.

Consciousness-world

Historicity

Magellan Strait

Modernity

Monstrosity

Territorialities of secret