

The technological development of the rudder

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From antiquity to the early modern period, the rudder was certainly one of the most important features of the sailing ships. However, this rudder changed over the millennia and the areas. Therefore, the course will deal with the various kinds of rudder, not only the quarter rudder and the stern rudder, but also the axial rudder. It will retrace their evolution from ancient Egypt to the eighteenth century. It will investigate the representation of the rudder in art and literature.

Students are requested to attend the sessions, participate and read the articles sent by the lecturer (20 %). In addition, they have to deliver presentations (80 %).