

Philip Clüver was born at Danzig [Gdansk] in 1580 and travelled widely in Europe prior to his return to Leiden University. His textbook of ancient and modern geography became very popular and much published, in the decades following his death at the very end of 1622.



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The famous House of Elzevir, renowned for its students' pocket editions, printed this standard work many times. In 1659 the cousins Louis and Daniel Elzevir issued a new variant only 135 x 80 mm., which they illustrated with the smallest versions of Clüver's maps.

About half of these new plates are classical ones, often derived from those in Abraham Ortelius' *Parergon*, but the small folding world map is twice the size of the others. Except for those of France and Spain which measure about 118 x 95 mm., the thirty-seven miniature plates are typically 124 x 120 mm., that is almost square.

Some of the titles of these double-page maps are unusually long for their size and later revised editions had them in a different sequence:

Europa; Asia; Africa; Americæ sive Indiae occidentalis tabula generalis; Britannicarum insularum typus; Galliæ veteris descriptio; Typus Hispaniæ veteris; Italia; Ligures, Taurini, etc. item Rhætiæ pars; Etruria, Latium, Umbria, etc.; Histri, Carni, Veneti, item Rhætiæ pars; Picentes, Vestini etc. Campania, Apulia, Lucania, Brutii, etc.; Siciliæ antiquæ tabula; Italiae recentioris descriptio; Corsicæ antiquæ tabula/Sardinia antiquæ tabula; Creta, Cyprus et Rhodus; Cyrenaica/Africa Minor/Mauritania/Ægyptus; Nova totius Germaniæ descriptio; Germaniæ Cis Rhenanæ ut inter I. Cæsar et Trajani imperia suit, Scaldis item Mosæ ac Rheni ostiorum antiqua descriptio; Inferioris Germaniæ descriptio; Populorum Germaniæ inter Rhenum et Albim descriptio, ut inter Caesaris ævum incoluerunt/Populorum Germaniæ inter Rhenum et Albim descriptio, ut circa I. Caesaris ævum incoluerunt; Sueviæ quæ cis codanum suit sinum antiqua descriptio; Vindeliciæ et Norici conterminarumque terrarum antiqua descriptio; Helvetiæ conterminarumque terrarum antiqua descriptio; Dania, Svecia et Norvegia; Græciæ descriptio; Pannonia et Illyricum; Moesiæ et Daciæ tabula continens una Poloniæ, Russiam nigram, etc.; Thraciæ descriptio; Russia cum confinijs; Natolia, quæ olim Asia Minor; Palæstina et Phoenice cum parte Cœle Syria; Armenia, Syria, Mesopotamia, etc.; Persia ex Adamo Oleario; India vetus; India orientalis nova; Imperii Sinarum nova descriptio.





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These plates were subsequently closely copied by an unknown engraver to illustrate a German edition, which was published in Nuremberg by Johann Leonhard Buggel.

Philippi Clüveri Introductionis in universam geographiam. Amsterdam, Louis & Daniel Elzevir, 1659, 1661; Daniel Elzevir, 1672; Henry Wetstenius, 1686; Utrecht, Guillielmus Broedelet, 1701, 1717.

Mundus chartaceus. Nuremberg, Johann L. Buggel, 1683, 1687, 1696, 1705, 1711, 1723.

