Call for Papers:
Early Career Researcher Online Workshop on Indian Ocean World Studies

11-12 December 2024

The Indian Ocean World Centre (IOWC) at McGill University is organizing an online workshop for early career researchers (ECRs) in Indian Ocean World (IOW) Studies. We define ECRs as scholars, including graduate students, who have yet to publish or sign a contract for their first scholarly monograph, or who have yet to begin a permanent academic position. The aim of the workshop is for ECRs to present their work, with a view to gaining feedback for eventual publication in the Journal of Indian Ocean World Studies (JIOWS). The JIOWS, which is indexed on SCOPUS and is co-published by Johns Hopkins University Press, is the only platinum open-access journal dedicated to the study of the IOW. Apart from the presentation of original research, the workshop will include a roundtable session with the editors of the journal on the processes of turning research into publications, which has relevance both for the JIOWS and for publishing in humanities and social sciences journals more broadly. It is thus intended to promote the career prospects of ECRs.

The theme of the workshop is open. We invite submissions of original research that address any aspect of IOW Studies, or the study of one-or-more of its constituent parts from eastern Africa through the Middle East and South, East, and Southeast Asia, from any scholarly standpoint in the humanities or social sciences. We especially welcome submissions from scholars based in institutions in the IOW. The workshop will take place over two mornings (Eastern Time, North America), provisionally 8am-Midday. We hope that this timing, which represents afternoon/evening in most of the IOW, will facilitate conversations and the development of scholarly networks across institutional and political borders. The result will be a special issue of the JIOWS that showcases the cutting-edge of new research in IOW studies written by the next generation of pioneers in this multi-disciplinary field.

Please submit 200-300-word abstracts of your papers with a 100-word scholarly bio to Prof. Gwyn Campbell (gwyn.campbell@mcgill.ca), Dr. Philip Gooding (philip.gooding@mcgill.ca), and Samuel Gleave Riemann (iowc@mcgill.ca) by Friday, 30 August 2024. Do please reach out to us if you have any questions in the interim.