

Early Career Researcher Online Workshop on Indian Ocean World Studies

11-12 December 2024, Indian Ocean World Centre, McGill University

All times are in Eastern Standard Time (GMT -5)

Wednesday 11 December 2024

8:00am *Welcome from the Director of the Indian Ocean World Centre (IOWC)*

8:10am *Welcome from the Editors of the Journal of Indian Ocean World Studies*

8:15am **Panel 1.1: Commodity Circulations in the Indian Ocean World**

Chair: Devyani Gupta (Jindal Global University)

Itamar Toussia Cohen (University of Oxford), “Imperial Leather:”
Reconfiguring Commerce and Distribution in the Western Indian Ocean,
c.1850-1918’

Maria Karageorge (University of Sydney), ‘Costuming Identity: Chinese Silk
Shawls and Self-Fashioning in Nineteenth-Century Colonial Spain’

Anwesha Das (Emory University), ‘On Favourable Winds and Markets in
Distant Shores: The Cotton Textile Trade Across the Medieval Indian Ocean’

Somy Solomon (Kerala Council for Historical Research), ‘Cashew Trade as a
Historical Link between India and Africa’

8:15am **Panel 1.2: Literature and Memory in South Asia**

Chair: Sam Gleave Riemann (IOWC, McGill University)

Anna Jyothi James (Central University of Kerala), 'Situating Littoral Malabar: Indian Ocean World Views in Select Malayalam Postcolonial Fiction'

Adeep Hussain (Indian Institute of Technology), 'Evoking an Ocean: Remembering the Kapiri of Kochi'

Simool Sen (Jadavpur University), 'Afterlives of an Ancient Prince: Vernacular History-Writing, Trans-Cartographism and Oceanic Utopias in the Long Twentieth Century, Bengal (1870s, 1940s)'

9:45am *Break*

10:00am **Panel 2.1: Labour, Slavery, and Post-slavery**

Chair: Vidhya Raveendranathan (Institute for Asien- Und AfrikaWissenschaften, Humboldt University (Berlin) and Centre for Modern Indian Studies, University of Gottingen)

Britt van Duijvenvoorde (International Institute of Social History), 'Coercion Through Kidnap, Scarcity, and Caste: The Confabulation of Enslavability on the East Coast of India in the 17th and 18th Centuries'

P.S. (Pouwel) van Schooten (Leiden University), 'The Marriage of a Malin Kandoe or Descendants of Freed People in Early-Modern Galle, Sri Lanka'

Sanayi Marcelline (Leiden University), 'Becoming Free: Manumission and Life after Manumission for Enslaved People in the Suburbs of Colombo in the mid-18th and early 19th Centuries'

Bethan Holt (University of Glasgow), 'Colonial Care and Industrial Education in 19th Century Mauritius: The Cast of the Powder Mills Orphan Asylum'

10:00am **Panel 2.2: Theorising the Ocean through Literature and Cinema**

Chair: Hannah Sparwasser Soroka (IOWC, McGill University)

Steven S George (Jamia Millia Islamia), 'SEA-ing Malayalam Cinema: Fluid Imaginaries and Oceanic Politics'

Moinak Banerjee (McGill University), 'Connected Stories, Fragmented Lives: Narrating Narmada as Literary Form of Water Politics'

Tyler Ball (University of Warwick), 'The Sea of Stories: Oceanic World-Literature of the Indian Ocean World'

11:30am *Closing Remarks from the Organisers*

11:35am *End*

Thursday 12 December 2024

8:00am *Welcome from the Organisers*

8:05am **Panel 3.1: Industry and Empire**

Chair: Archisman Chaudhuri (IOWC, McGill University)

Raisa Kamila (Syiah Kuala University and SOAS, University of London), 'Engineering Order: Construction of the Military Railway in 19th- and 20th-Century Aceh'

Rukmini Chakraborty (European University Institute), "'Guardian Monitors of Commerce": Lighthouse Building in the Eastern Indian Ocean Littoral'

Urna Mukherjee (Johns Hopkins University), 'Composite Shipbuilding Cultures of the Indian Ocean World: Eurasian Shipyards in Early Modern South Asia'

Akhil A R (Jawaharlal Nehru University), 'Hidden Currents: The Role of Metals and Craftsmanship in the Indian Ocean Trade Network of the 17th and 18th Centuries'

8:05am

Panel 3.2: Environmental Pasts and Presents

Chair: Zozan Pehlivan (University of Minnesota)

Siegfried Fulloso Baraquel (Ateneo de Manilla University), 'Medicamento, Medicine, and Medisina: How the American Colonial Welfare and Healthcare Policies Affect Social and Economic Conditions of the Colonial Philippines'

Lakshmi Pradeep (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science), 'Stories of Wind: Monsoon, Cyclones, and Climate Change in the Lakshadweep Islands of India'

Ranjeet Kumar (Independent Scholar), 'The Toes that Felt the Bones: Human Stories Behind the Scientific Discovery and Retrieval of Skeletal Remains of the Dodo Bird from the Indian Ocean Island of Mauritius'

Sumera Saleem (Australian Catholic University), 'Indian Ocean Fiction and Bangladesh: Understanding the Discourse of Freedom in Tahmina Anam's *The Bones of Grace*

9:35am

Break

9:55am

Panel 4.1: 'The Islamic Sea'

Chair: Alastair McClure (Hong Kong University)

Joshua Gedacht (Rowan University), 'Contested Indian Ocean Connections: Ahmadiyya and the Trials of Pan-Islamism in Aceh, Indonesia, 1925-1940'

Gabriel Lavin (Independent Scholar), 'Fatwas, Phonographs, and "Instruments of Amusement": Law, Technological Modernity, and Musical Circulation Throughout the Indian Ocean, c.1899-1932'

9:55am **Panel 4.2: Recent and Current Trans-Regional Politics**

Chair: Gwyn Campbell (IOWC, McGill University)

Jorge Morteau (University of Sao Paulo), 'Brazilian Presence in the Indian Ocean: Fostering a Wider Meridionalist Sovereignty'

Soumyajit Mukherjee (Jadavpur University), 'Maritime India after the Raj: Challenge and Response Toward Global Shipping, 1945-2000'

Raffaele Maddaluno (La Sapienza University of Rome), 'Rhythms of Exchange in the Comoros Islands: Immobility and Connections from the Margins'

11:10am *Break*

11:15am **Roundtable: Academic Publishing and the *Journal of Indian Ocean World Studies***

12:00pm *Closing Remarks from the Organisers*

12:05pm *End*

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