

Empire and Economy in the Pre-Modern Indian Ocean

Programme

Thursday, 21 September

10:00 Welcome
Richard Unger (UBC)

10:15 - 11:45 Session 1
China and the Indian Ocean
Chair: Richard Unger

The Western Ocean before the West: The Indian Ocean in the Chinese Geographical Imagination
Timothy Brook, University of British Columbia

Acceleration and Assurance: Why the Indian Ocean Shiptracks are the Opposite of the Eurasian Wheeltracks
Pamela Kyle Crossley (Dartmouth)

12:00 - 1:30 Lunch Break

2:00 - 4:15 Session 2
Enslavement
Chair: Renisa Mawani

Tracing “la Traite” in the Indian Ocean
Margaret Schotte, York University

Slavery and Slave trading Scholarship in the Indian Ocean: Some Lessons from the Atlantic
David Eltis, Emory University

Export Led Growth in Arabia from the Middle Ages to WW I: Trading dates, pearls, and slaves with Africa to India
Bob Allen, New York University - Abu Dhabi

5:00-6:30 Session 3 Keynote address
Introduction
Sebastian Prange (UBC)

The Dutch Oceanic Empire in the Indian Ocean: the emergence of a “system”
Eric Tagliacozzo, Cornell University

6:30 - 7:00 Reception

Friday, 22 September

9:30-12:00 Session 4
Maritime Technology and the Law
Chair: Sara Ann Knutson

Mapping East Africa: Dutch East India Company maps of the gateway to the Indian Ocean world
Michiel van Groesen, Leiden University

Melding Technologies: Shipbuilding around the Indian Ocean after the Arrival of European Ships
Richard Unger, University of British Columbia

Muddy Waters: Port Environments and Terraqueous Legalities
Bhavani Raman, University of Toronto

12:15-1:30 Lunch Break

2:00 - 4:00 Session 5
Agents and Institutions of Trade
Chair: Hicham Safieddine

The *Amphioen Sociëteit* (1746- 1794): opium, intra-Asian trade, and the elite commercial world of Batavia in the eighteenth to early nineteenth centuries
Noelle Richardson, Leiden University

Intersectional interactions: Women as brokers and go-betweens in the Portuguese State of India
Amélia Polónia, University of Porto

Bank van Lening en Courant in Batavia (1746-1814)? The First Modern Bank in Asia?
Cátia Antunes, Leiden University

7:00 -9:00 Participants (No host) Dinner

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