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Ashmolean Museum, Anneliese Maier Research Award of Humboldt Foundation & Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies supported Conference

KNOWLEDGE TRADITIONS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN WORLD

Venue: Headley Lecture Theatre, Ashmolean Museum

DAY ONE: THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2018

8.30 – 9.00	REGISTRATION & COFFEE	
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SESSION I

Chairperson: Prof. Gavin Flood, OCHS

Time	Title of Paper	Speaker
9.00 - 9.45	Other spaces and the mobile geographies of the western Indian Ocean over the <i>longue durée</i>	Prof. Paul Lane, University of Cambridge
9.45 - 10.30	The Art of Writing in Early India	Prof. Ingo Strauch, University of Lausanne

10.30 -10.45	COFFEE BREAK	
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SESSION II

Chairperson: Mr. Joe Cribb, Former Keeper, British Museum

10.45 - 11.30	‘Standards and types, how and why numismatic technology was communicated’	Dr. Robert Bracey, London
11.30- 12.15	Coinage of the Rashtrakutas and their Contemporaries: An Insight into the Trading Worlds of the Indian Ocean in Early Medieval India	Dr. Shailendra Bhandare, Ashmolean Museum

12.15 - 1.15	LUNCH	
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SESSION III

Chairperson: Prof. Himanshu Prabha Ray, OCHS

Time	Title of Paper	Speaker
1.15 - 2.00	The Materiality of Social Practice and the Cultivation of Cloth, Crops, and Cultural Traditions Across the Indian Ocean: A View from the Deccan	Dr. Andrew Bauer, Stanford University
2.00 - 2.45	Early Chinese Notions of Da Qin: the Indian Ocean as a Conduit of Knowledge or the Far West as a Fantasy Land?	Dr. Mathew A. Cobb, University of Wales

2.45 - 3.00	COFFEE BREAK	
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SESSION IV

Chairperson: Dr. Damian Robinson. Oxford

3.00 - 3.45	Ancient Egyptian Ship and Boat Models: Between Theory and Experimental Simulation	Ms. Nesrin El-Galy, University of Oxford
3.45 - 4.30	Reconstructing the Maritime Cultural Landscapes of a Late Holocene Coastal Settlement in East Africa: Geoarchaeological Research at the Early Islamic Port of Trade Unguja Ukuu, Zanzibar	Dr. Anna M. Kotarba-Morley, Macquarie University, Sydney

DAY TWO: FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2018

SESSION V

Chairperson: Dr. Michael Feener, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

Time	Title of Paper	Speaker
9.00 – 9.45	Re-thinking al-Maqdisi’s Coastal Landscape and Seascape of the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea (4th to 10th century)	Prof. Dionisius A. Agius, University of Exeter
9.45 – 10.30	Some New Uses of the Genizah Mercantile Letter – On the Materiality of Writing in the Indian Ocean World	Dr. Elizabeth Lambourn, De Montfort University
10.30 – 10.45	COFFEE BREAK	

SESSION VI

Chairperson: Prof. Diwakar Acharya, All Souls’ College

Time	Title of Paper	Speaker
10.45 – 11.30	Seven Seas and an Ocean of Wisdom: Puranic Metaphors and the Indian Episteme	Dr. Srinivas Reddy, Brown University
11.30- 12:15	Practices of Faith: Coastal Shrines on the Rim of the Western Indian Ocean	Dr. Salila Kulshreshtha, Shivdasani Fellow, OCHS
12.15 – 1.15	LUNCH BREAK	

SESSION VII

Chairperson: Prof. Richard Gombrich, Oxford Centre for Buddhist Studies

1.15 – 2.00	A Regional Buddhist school, its Trans-regional Connections, and its Representation across the Bay of Bengal	Dr. Vincent Tournier, EFEO
2.00 – 2.45	‘Travelling Relics:’ From the east coast of India across the seas	Prof. Himanshu Prabha Ray, OCHS

2.45 – 3.00	COFFEE BREAK	
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SESSION VIII

Chairperson: Dr. Shailendra Bhandare, Ashmolean Museum

3.00 – 3.45	The Role of Indian iconography in the Development of Angkor’s Fluvial Culture	Dr. Veronica Walker Vadillo, University of Helsinki
3.45 – 4.15	So the Buddha did speak Pali after all!	Prof. Richard Gombrich, Oxford Centre for Buddhist Studies
4.15 – 4.30	Concluding Remarks	

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FOR SPEAKERS AND INVITEES IN THE ASHMOLEAN BOARDROOM ON BOTH DAYS.

All participants welcome to join for Tea/Coffee breaks