

International Start-Up Workshop

Ports and Trans-Ports

Evolution and Revolution(s) in the Indian Ocean World

4-6 March 2019

Venue: GUtech, History of Science Centre

This is a non-public event

Programme

Sunday, March 3rd, 2019

	Arrival of guests
15:00	Departure from Mysk Hotel Pre-Conference Tour (Muscat-National Museum)

Monday, March 4th, 2019

08:00	Departure from Mysk Hotel Arrival at GUtech, History of Science Centre
08:45	Registration
09:00	Welcome by Prof. Dr. Armin Eberlein <i>Deputy Rector for Academic Affairs</i> <i>GUtech – German University of Technology in Oman</i>
	Introduction by Prof. Dr. Michael Jansen <i>RIO – Research Centre Indian Ocean</i> <i>ICOMOS - International Council on Monuments and Sites</i>
	Message by Prof. Dr. Burkhard Schnepel <i>Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg</i> <i>Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology</i>
	Message by ICOMOS <i>ICOMOS - International Council on Monuments and Sites</i>
	Message by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Burfat <i>Vice-Chancellor</i> <i>University of Sindh, Jamshoro</i>
10:30	Coffee Break

11:00

Panel I (Session 1): Networks and Mobility by Sea

Panel description

Sea routes and networks develop out of needs and knowledge of places to sail to, connected with needs of 'goods' to be brought/taken along. Improvement of ship technology and astronomic/navigation capacity resulted in the exploitation of the Indian Ocean water ways.

First interregional networks developed in the third millennium between the Indus Valley, Mesopotamia and Oman. Other networks developed along the Nile, Red Sea and the Mediterranean. Later, many more networks developed, out of which the Roman network connected the Roman empire via Red Sea to India, the networks of the Abbasid Caliphate connected the Persian Gulf via India, Malakka to China. Just before the 'European invasion' of Colonialism after 1498, the Chinese Ming emperors sent a fleet under Admiral Zheng He 1430 to the Indian Ocean.

Since 1498 the Indian Ocean became the zone of European struggle for dominance.

Michael Jansen, *Mohenjo-Daro: The Spider in the Net*
With a comment on drilling profiles by Prof. Dr. Sarfraz Solangi

Khaled Douglas / Nasser Al-Jahwari / Mohammad Hesein / Kimberly Williams, *Dahwa between Inland and Coast: A Case for Hinterland Trans-Ports*

Dennys Frenez, *Indian Ocean Seafaring Trade in the Bronze Age. The Indus-Magan connection*

12:30

Discussion

13:00

Lunch

14:00

Panel I (Session 2, Part 1): Networks and Mobility by Sea

Abdulrahman al Salmi, *From Oases to the Cities. The Immigration of the South Eastern Arabs to the Swahili East African Coast And the Arab-Afro Integration*

Stephane Pradines, *Pirates and Marauders in Medieval East Africa*

Vera-Simone Schulz, *Port Cities, Commodities, and Indian Ocean Connectivity: Transcultural Aesthetics along the East African Coast*

15:30

Coffee break

16:00

Panel I (Session 2, Part 2): Networks and Mobility by Sea

Hee Sook Lee-Niinioja, *The Religious-Cultural Heritage of the Indian Ocean Pasisir Port-Towns in Islamization of Java, Indonesia*

Stefan Schreiner, *Jewish Trade Connections**

Hanne Schönig, *Arab Perfumes and the Indian Ocean Trade in Animal-derived Aromatics: The Case of Civet (zabād)*

17:30

Discussion

18:00

Departure from GUtech

19:00

Reception at the Residence of the German Ambassador

21:00

Departure for Mysk Hotel

Tuesday, March 5th, 2019

08:00

Departure from Mysk Hotel

Arrival at GUtech, History of Science Centre

09:00

Panel II (Session 1): Networks and Mobility on Land

Panel description

As could be recently proved, the rather sudden development in the third millennium in the formation of the earliest civilizations in Egypt, Mesopotamia and the Indus Valley was strongly supported by the change of transport from land to water. Horse, donkey and camel were not yet domesticated and the transport by cow/ buffalo was too slow for larger expansions. The systematic change to water transport, beginning along the rivers and culminating in the conquer by sea laid the basis of water transport for the coming five thousand years, only recently substituted by air transport (air-ports).

Ports are places of change for means of transport between land, water and land. Catchment areas are normally the economic 'hinterland' basis for ports. From there, the water transport follows specific networks marked by commonly known targets. The 'boat' is the means of transport.

Parayil John Cherian, *Did the Early-Historic Arabian, Indian and Chinese Cultures Transform the Indian Ocean into a Trade Lake? Revelations of the Archaeological Evidence Unearthed at Muziris Port Site, Kerala, India*

Alessandra Avanzini, *Sumhuram after more than twenty years of excavations by the Italian Mission to Oman (IMTO)*

Janaka Wijesundara, *Hybridization in Dutch Colonial Encounters; Beyond Cinnamon and Pepper*

10:30

Coffee Break

11:00

Panel II (Session 2): Networks and Mobility on Land

Kaleemullah Lashari, *Importance of Banbhore Pottery: Its Provenience in Relation to the Indian Ocean Maritime Trade and the Dating of the Site*

Stephanie Döpfer / Conrad Schmidt, *Foreign Relations of Bat and Al-Khashbah, Sultanate of Oman, in the 3rd Millennium BC*

Matthias Jarke / Georgios Toubekis, *Network Evolution around the Harbour of Hamburg*

Norbert Weismann, *Transshipping in Oman and the Gulf*

12:30

Discussion

13:00

Lunch

14:00

Panel III (Session 1): Harbors Form and Function (Trans-Port-Action: The Inner Life of Maritime Hubs)

Panel description

Port cities in the Indian Ocean World are often seen as Janus-faced, and studied as such. On the one hand, they are investigated with reference to their relationships and interactions with the hinterland; on the other hand, it

is their maritime connections that form the focus of analysis. In complementing these two approaches, this panel will focus on the inner life and internal constitution of port cities from historical, sociological, social anthropological, geographical and urban studies perspectives. Special attention will be given to the question of how the predominant role of port cities as “hubs” for the *external* circulation of goods, people and ideas also has an impact on the *internal* mental, organizational, architectural, ideational, political, social, geographical, religious and other dimensions of port-city life.

Burkhard Schnepel, *From ‘Port of Call’ to ‘Smart City’: Towards an Ethnohistorical Biography of Port Louis, Mauritius*

Sen Tansen, *Buddhism in the Life of a Port City: The Guangxiao Monastery and the Internal and External Connections of Guangzhou*

Alexander Kader, *Similarities and Differences within the Urban Structures of three Contemporary Port Cities in the Indian Ocean – Mombasa, Mumbai, Muscat*

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 **Panel III (Session 2): Harbors Form and Function (Trans-Port-Action: The Inner Life of Maritime Hubs)**

Ulrike Freitag, *The Land-Sea Nexus in an Arabian Port City in the 19th Century: Preliminary Investigations*

Julia Verne, *Finding a Place to live (one’s Dream) in Zanzibar: Symbolics and Materialities of Housing for Zanzibari-Omanis*

Karsten Ley, *Maritime Hubs: The Interdependency of Functional Factors and their Relation to Urban Form on the Indian Ocean Shores*

17:30 Discussion

18:00 Departure from GUtech

20:00 **Public Lecture** (Venue: Kempinski Hotel, Al Mouj, Muscat Ballroom)

Prof. Dr. Burkhard Schnepel, *How to Study an Ocean: Connectivity in Motion and the Indian Ocean World*

Wednesday, March 6th, 2019

08:00 Departure from Mysk Hotel

08:30 Visit of Grand Mosque

Arrival at GUtech, History of Science Centre

10:00 **Panel IV (Session 1): Colonialism in the Indian Ocean**

Panel description

The Portuguese were the first to exploit the sea route around the Cape of Good Hope, discovered by Vasco da Gama in 1497/8 soon followed by the Dutch, French and English. The 32 volumes comprising compendium

'Portuguese in the Sea of Oman' (eds.: A. al Salmi, M. Jansen) is vividly describing the daily life of the Portuguese having been involved. The struggle for power, mostly based on economy has remained till today culminating in recent attempts e.g. by the Chinese (one Road, one Belt), but also in maritime tourism.

Joao Costa, *Portugal in the Sea of Oman: the Convolute*

Mohammed Al Muqadam, *The Portuguese in Oman (1507-1650)*

Iain Walker, *Myth or Wishful Thinking? The Portuguese in the Comoros*

11:30

Discussion

12:00

Lunch

13:00

Panel IV (Session 2): Ports and Trans-Ports in and around Oman today

Joachim Düster, *Oman's Modern Ports*

Manuela Gutberlet, *Mega-Cruise Tourism in the GCC: Transforming Space and Society in Muttrah*

Hatim al Taie, *The International Conference on Indian Ocean and Ports in Muscat 2018: A Report**

14:30

Discussion

15:00

Coffee Break

15:30

Final Panel

18:00

Departure from GUtech

20:00

Farewell dinner (Venue: Kempinski Hotel)

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