

Mobile Bodies: A Long View of the Peoples and Communities of Maritime Asia

An interdisciplinary conference held at Binghamton University, November 10-11, 2017

Preliminary Program, last updated September 15, 2017

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<https://www.binghamton.edu/iaad/conference/program.html>

Friday, November 10, 2017

All events will be held at the University Downtown Center, except for the keynote lecture and the banquet dinner.

8:30 am–4:00 pm

Conference Registration

1st floor atrium

8:30 am

Coffee and Light Breakfast

2nd floor atrium

9:00–10:30 am

Breakout Session #1

Panel #1 Trajectories of Chinese Diasporas

Room 228

Chair: John Chaffee, Binghamton University

John K. Whitmore, University of Michigan

The Origin of the Chinese Diaspora in Southeast Asia, Eleventh-Fourteenth Centuries: Impact and Consequences

Jiajun Zou, Emory University

Bridging Cultures and Trade: The Story of Fujianese Sailors and Sojourners in the Ming and Qing

John Bandy, Johns Hopkins University

Sojourning Teachers: Civilizing the Fujian Maritime Frontier in Early Nineteenth-Century China

Panel #2 Control and Movement of Maritime Proletariats

Room 223

Chair: Cynthia Marasigan, Binghamton University

Edyta Roszko, Durham University and University of Copenhagen
Multiple Mobilities: Spatial and Occupational Mobility among Fishers in the South China Sea

Ghulam Nadri, Georgia State University
'Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea': Indian Seamen (lascars), Shipboard Labor Regimes, and the East India Company in the First Half of the Nineteenth Century

Jason Oliver Chang, University of Connecticut
Sea Coolies: Race, Diaspora, and Maritime Captivity

Panel #3 Coastal Religions and Devotional Practices in South Asia

Room 226

Chair: Katherine Martineau, Binghamton University

Francesco Gusella, Sapienza University, Rome
Woman Location and Identity Transition in Portuguese South Asia: A Glance from the Study of Devotional Ivories (Sixteenth-Seventeenth Centuries)

Neelima Jeychandran, The Pennsylvania State University
Shrines for Africans: Mobilities and Refabulations of Sacred Landscapes in Coastal Kerala, India

Sk Abdul Matin, Jawaharlal Nehru University and University of Goettingen
Nauka (Boat) and Islam: The Making of a Riverine Muslim Identity in Bengal

10:30–10:45 am

Break

10:30 am–2:00 pm

Book Display

1st floor atrium

10:45 am–12:45 pm

Conference Welcome

Harvey G. Stenger, President, Binghamton University
Room 120 A/B

Plenary Panel: Controlling the Asian Seas

Chair: Nancy Um, Binghamton University

Anand Yang, University of Washington

Empire of Labor: Indian Convict Workers in Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Southeast Asia

Eric Tagliacozzo, Cornell University

Ghosts in the Machine: Technology and Maritime Imperialism in Southeast Asia

12:45–2:00 pm

Lunch provided to conference participants in the 2nd floor atrium, dining in Room 220A/B

2:00–4:00 pm

Breakout Session #2

Panel #4 Maritime Travelers and their Journeys

Room 228

Chair: Praseeda Gopinath, Binghamton University

Judit Magyar, Waseda University

Count Benyovszky, the Eighteenth-Century Cosmopolitan's Journey to the East

Nicole Ranganath, University of California, Davis

Ganges Khan, Ganges Singh: Fijian Punjabi Narratives about their Seafaring and Life Journeys, 1900s–1950s

Scott Reese, Northern Arizona University

The Myth of Immobility: Women and Travel in the British Imperial Indian Ocean

Tika Ramidhini, Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient

Women on the Ship: Gendered Experience of Female Pilgrims from the Dutch East Indies in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century

Panel #5 Piracy and Violence on the Asian Seas

Room 223

Chair: Dael Norwood, Binghamton University

J. Travis Shutz, Binghamton University

Lin Feng, the Spanish Philippines, and Violence in Maritime Asia

James Okolie-Osemene, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Maritime Trade, Counter-piracy Stakeholders and the Use of Force in the Indian Ocean

Scott Abel, Independent Scholar

Piracy and Kerajaan Economics in Nineteenth-Century Malaya

Sebastian Prange, University of British Columbia
Pirate Politics: Violence and Community in the Western Indian Ocean

Panel #6 Slavery in Maritime Asia

Room 226

Chair: Ravi Palat, Binghamton University

Claire Cooper, Princeton University
The “Black Boys” of Deshima: Depictions of Dutch East India Company Slaves in Early Modern Japan

Don Wyatt, Middlebury College
Chinese Notices on the Maritime Trafficking in Slaves during the Song Era

Yogesh Chandrani, Colorado College
Slaves, Sufis and Traders: Traditional Cosmopolitanism in the Making of Ahmedabad

Ruma Chopra, San Jose State University
Slaves and Servants in the Age of Slavery

4:15 pm

Board bus on Washington Street in front of the University Downtown Center to the main campus of Binghamton University

5:00 pm

Opening Remarks

Donald Nieman, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Binghamton University
Chamber Hall, Anderson Center, Binghamton University (Main Campus)

Introduction

John Chaffee, Binghamton University

Keynote Lecture

Amitav Ghosh
Embattled Earth: Commodities, Conflict and Climate Change in the Indian Ocean Region

7:00 pm

Banquet Dinner

Old Champlain Atrium, Binghamton University (Main Campus)

8:45 pm

Board bus from the main campus of Binghamton University to downtown

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Coffee and Light Breakfast

2nd floor atrium

9:00–10:00 am

Plenary Lecture

Room 120A/B

Chair: John Chaffee, Binghamton University

Angela Schottenhammer, University of Salzburg

Surgeons and Physicians on the Move in the Indo-Pacific Waters (Fifteenth to Eighteenth Centuries)

10:00–10:15 am

Break

10:00 am–2:00 pm

Book Display

1st floor atrium

10:15 am–12:15 pm

Breakout Session #3

Panel #7 Identity, Citizenship, and the Mobile Body

Room 121

Chair: Mahua Sarkar, Binghamton University

Irtefa Binte-Farid, University of Virginia

“Son of Mandazi”: Marriage, Transnational Migrations, and National Purity in Modern Oman

Ana Maria Candela, Binghamton University
 Chinese Exclusion Acts and the Global Color Line: Pushing Back the Frontiers in the Asian
 Mediterranean and the Cantonese Pacific

C. Michele Thompson, Southern Connecticut State University
 Carriers of Hope: The Role of Children in the Vaccination Movement in East, South, and
 Southeast Asia

John Cheng, Binghamton University
 Migrants, Marriage, and Racial Citizenship

Panel #8 Literary and Visual Representations of Maritime Communities and their Ports
 Room 223

Chair: Nancy Um, Binghamton University

Eric Beverley, SUNY Stony Brook
 Regimes of Difference and Ethnographic Writing in Early Modern Surat

Dipti Khera, New York University
 Euphoric Arrivals and Entangled Mobilities in the Indian Ocean Littoral, Diu ca. 1666

John Willis, University of Colorado
 Exile and Translation/Transnation: Muhammad al-Zubayri in Pakistan

Vinh Pham, Cornell University
 Writing the Sea: A Short Discourse on Francophone Literature about The Vietnamese Boat
 People

Panel #9 Making Refugees Visible
 Room 224

Chair: Ranabir Samaddar, Calcutta Research Group

Anne Giblin Gedacht, Seton Hall University
 "A Japanese Girl": Afterlives of an (im)Mobile body

Anwasha Sengupta, Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata
 Moveable Migrants, Laboring Lives: Refugees in the Andaman Islands in the 1950s

Ka Ki Alan Ho, McGill University
 Visible Boatpeople: A Study on the Vietnam Refugee in Hong Kong (1970s–2000s)

Jessica Montin, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milano, Italy
Expanding Exodus - Rohingya Girls for Sale

Panel #10 Forced Labor and Systems of Bondage

Room 226

Chair: Arnab Dey, Binghamton University

Julia Haines, University of Virginia
The Archaeology of the Indentured Laborer Landscape in Nineteenth-Century Mauritius

Kerry Ward, Rice University
Involuntary Mobility in the Straits in the 1860s

Ritesh Kumar Jaiswal, University of Delhi and Harvard University
Fluid Boundaries: Analysing the Maistry System and Indian Mobility to Burma (c. 1880–1940)

Nilufer Akalin, Binghamton University
How to constitute a gendered reading of the *kala pani*?

12:15–1:45 pm

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1:00–1:45 pm

Break and **Book Signing** with Amitav Ghosh
1st floor atrium

1:45–3:15 pm

Breakout session #4

Panel #11 Maritime Systems and Structures

Room 121

Chair: Anand Yang, University of Washington

Naindeep Chann, University of California, Los Angeles
The Birth of the Western Indian Ocean Thalassocracy: the Ya'rubid Project in the Early Modern World

Xiaofei Gao, UC Santa Cruz
Maritime Manchuria: Japanese Imperialism and Chinese Nation-Building at the Water's Edge

Renisa Mawani, University of British Columbia

The Free Sea: A Counter Legal History

Panel #12 Material Culture in and around Asia

Room 224

Chair: Angela Schottenhammer, University of Salzburg

Derek Heng, Northern Arizona University

Reconstructing Demographics, Social Hierarchies and Ethnicity in Thirteenth- and Fourteenth-Century Port Cities in Island Southeast Asia (specifically the Malacca Straits Region) through Archaeological Data

Aparajita Majumdar, Cornell University

Objects of Appropriations: Locating the Material Efficacies of Rubber in the Northeastern Tracts of British India, 1810–1897

Arianna Galluzzo, Syracuse University

Collecting Maritime Asia: A history of Museums and Exchange via William L. Abbott

Panel #13 Following Commodity Trajectories

Room 223

Chair: John Cheng, Binghamton University

Dael Norwood, Binghamton University

The Transforming Ocean: How Voyages Made Commodities of Asian Mobile Bodies and Defined the Post-Civil War American Empire

Janet Purdy, The Pennsylvania State University

Ajrakh and Kanga: Indian Ocean Commerce and Textile Connections

Peter Thilly, University of Mississippi

Opium's Reverse Course: When China Came to Supply Southeast Asia, 1911–1937

Panel #14 Gender, Labor, and the Commodified Body

Room 226

Chair: Monika Mehta, Binghamton University

Mahua Sarkar, Binghamton University

Between 'Home' and 'Abroads': The Precarious Mobilities of Transnational Contract Work

Maria Cecelia Hwang, Brown University and Rutgers University

Shadow Migrants in Global Cities: Sex Work, Border Regimes, and Unauthorized Labor Migration in Asia

Mona Kareem, Binghamton University
Bodies as Borders: The Arab – Asian Interaction

3:15–3:30 pm

Break

3:30–4:30 pm

Plenary Lecture

Room 120A/B

Chair: Ravi Palat, Binghamton University

Ranabir Samaddar, Calcutta Research Group
Rohingyas: The Emergence of a Stateless Population

4:30 pm

Conference Concludes