INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Art of Hubbing:
The Role of Small Islands in Indian Ocean Connectivity

15 - 17 October 2015

Organiser: Burkhard Schnepel

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 15th October 2015

15.00 – 16.00 Registration at the MPI

16.00 – 16.15 Welcome Address by Chris Hann, Director of the MPI for Social Anthropology

16.15 – 17.00 Welcome and Thematic Introduction to the Conference by Burkhard Schnepel

17.00 – 17.15 Keynote Lecture

Andre Gingrich
Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna

Smallness and Insular Hubs: Some working hypotheses from historical anthropology
Friday, 16th October 2015

Chair: Mareike Pampus

9.15 – 10.00 Keebet von Benda-Beckmann
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle

Ambon, a Spicy Hub

10.00 – 10.45 Jürgen G. Nagel
Fernuniversität Hagen

Commodities and Creeds: Changing connectivity of Makassar (South Sulawesi), 16th to 20th century

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

Chair: Gita Dharampal-Frick

11.15 – 12.00 Ajay Gandhi
Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen

Specks that Speak Loudly: The view from Mumbai and Ilha de Moçambique

12.00 – 12.45 Beatrice Nicolini
Catholic University of Milan

Global Indian Ocean Ports: Sailing from Arabia, to Zanzibar, and to New York

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch break
Chair: Hermann Kulke

14.15 – 15.00 **Burkhard Schnepel**
Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg

*Port Louis (Mauritius) and the Making of a ‘Hub-Society’*

15.00 – 15.45 **Tansen Sen**
City University of New York

*Small? Big? Island?: The perceptions of Sri Lanka in Chinese sources*

15.45 – 16.15 **Coffee break**

Chair: Burkhard Schnepel

16.15 – 17.00 **Edward A. Alpers**
University of California Los Angeles

*Islands Connect: People, things and ideas among the small islands of the Western Indian Ocean*

17.00 – 17.45 **Godfrey Baldacchino**
University of Malta

*Displaced Passengers: States, movements and disappearances in the Indian Ocean*

19.00 – 20.00 **Dinner at ‘Wildschütz’**

20.00 – 21.30 Wrap-up and discussion
**Saturday, 17th October 2015**

*Chair: Himanshu Prabha Ray*

**9.15 – 10.00**  **Iain Walker**  
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle  
*Zanzibar: A Hub in Comorian diasporic networks in the Western Indian Ocean*

**10.00 – 10.45**  **Kjersti Larsen**  
University of Oslo  
*Multifaceted Identities, Multiple Dwellings: Connectivity and flexible household-configurations in Zanzibar Town*

**10.45 – 11.15**  **Coffee break**

*Chair: Eva-Maria Knoll*

**11.15 – 12.00**  **Gwyn Campbell**  
McGill University Montreal  
*Kilwa Island and the Western Indian Ocean World*

**12.00 – 12.45**  **Martin Ramstedt**  
Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg  
*Bali and Indian-Indonesian Connectivity: Why a small island has mattered*

**13.00 – 14.00**  **Lunch break**

*Chair: Boris Wille*

**14.15 – 15.00**  **Vijaya Teelock**  
University of Mauritius  
*The Emergence of ‘Local Cosmopolitans’ in Port Louis: Migration and settlement in early 18th up to mid-19th century Port Louis*
15.00 – 15.45  **Steffen F. Johannessen**  
Norwegian Business School, Oslo  

*From Coconut Trade to ‘War on Terror’: Connectivity and disconnections in the Indian Ocean*

15.45 – 16.15  **Coffee break**

16.15 – 17.00  **Final Discussion on Conference Themes, Future Collaborations and Publication**  
*Moderation: Burkhard Schnepel*