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Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Cargoes: The Materiality of Connectivity in Motion
Across the Indian Ocean

3 – 5 October 2019

Organizers:

Burkhard Schnepel (MPI for Social Anthropology and Martin Luther
University Halle-Wittenberg)
Julia Verne (University of Bonn)

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 3rd October 2019

16.30 – 17.00 Registration and ‘Meet-and-Greet’

17.00 – 17.15 Welcome Address by Chris Hann, Director of the MPI for Social
Anthropology, and Organizational Matters by the Organizers

17.15 – 18.00 **Burkhard Schnepel**

Cargoes: Introduction to the conference theme

18.00 – 18.45 **Evening Lecture: Timothy Brook**

University of Vancouver

Carrying Stone to Sri Lanka: An intercultural history of the Galle Stele

19.00 Dinner



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Friday, 4th October 2019

Chair: Ulrike Freitag (Leibniz-Centre Modern Orient, Berlin)

9.15 – 10.00 **Tansen Sen**

New York University Shanghai

Giraffes and Elephants: Gift cargoes and their afterlives in the Longue Durée history of the Indian Ocean

10.00 – 10.45 **Edward A. Alpers**

University of California, Los Angeles

Cattle on the Hoof: The Mozambique Channel provisioning trade in the nineteenth century

10.45 – 11.15 *Coffee break*

Chair: Boris Wille (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg)

11.15 – 12.00 **Karl-Heinz Kohl**

Goethe University Frankfurt

The Elephant with the Seven Tusks: From cargo to myth

12.00 – 12.45 **Hanne Schönig**

Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Halle

Arab Perfumes and the Indian Ocean Trade in Animal-derived Aromatics: The case of Civet (zabād)

13.00 – 14.00 *Lunch break*



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Chair: Hermann Kulke (Christian Albrechts University, Kiel)

14.15 – 15.00 **Lisa Krieg**

University of Bonn

Geckos on the Move: Transitions and translations of a small cosmopolitan reptile

15.00 – 15.45 **Pedro Machado**

Indiana University, Bloomington

Littoral Luminescence: Pearls, shell and cargoes of the sea in the Indian Ocean

15.45 – 16.15 *Coffee break*

Chair: Ildikó Bellér-Hann (University of Copenhagen)

16.15 – 17.00 **Vera-Simone Schulz**

Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florenz – Max Planck Institute, Florence

Cargo, Connectivity, and Containers: Art historical considerations of the 'Swahili Corridor' as contact zone

17.00 – 17.45 **Prita Meier**

New York University, New York

A Sea of Things: Swahili coast postcards in global circulation

18.00 – 19.00 **Round Table Discussion 'Abrahams Luggage'**

Participants: Julia Verne (Chair), Elizabeth Lambourn (De Montfort University, Leicester), Iain Walker (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg), Kai Kresse (Leibniz-Centre Modern Orient, Berlin)

19.00 *Dinner*



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Saturday, 5th October 2019

Chair: Chris Hann (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle)

9.15 – 10.00 **Michael Jansen**

Research Centre Indian Ocean, Muscat, Oman

Portuguese Cargoes in the Sea of Oman, 1506-1650

10.00 – 10.45 **Muati-al-Muati**

Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Oman

Maritime Heritage of Oman

10.45 – 11.15 *Coffee break*

Chair: Robert Parkin (Oxford University)

11.15 – 12.00 **Kunbing Xiao**

Southwest Minzu University, Chengdu

The Flow of Bohea: From the deteriorated tea to the major product in the seventeenth to nineteenth century global tea trade

12.00 – 12.45 **Mareike Pampus**

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From Cargo to Characteristic: Trade and translation of beads and beadwork in Penang

13.00 – 14.00 *Lunch break*



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Chair: Jean-Claude Galey (EHESS, Paris)

14.15 – 15.00 **Anu Krishna**

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Scent, Savour and Semblance: 'Alleppey Green' in the Indian Ocean world

15.00 – 15.45 **Rupert Neuhöfer and Hannah Pilgrim**

University of Bonn

The Journey of Cloves: Historical trajectories and new dynamics of marketization

15.45 – 16.15 *Coffee break*

Chair: Peter Kneitz (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg)

16.15 – 17.00 **Steven Serels**

Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Halle

The History of Red Sea Salt in Indian Ocean Trade

17.00 – 18.00 **Julia Verne**

Afterword and Conference Wrap-up

18.00 – 18.30 **Burkhard Schnepel and Julia Verne**

Pre-Publication Talk

19.00 *Dinner*