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
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
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
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**  
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle  
*From Cargo to Characteristic: Trade and translation of beads and beadwork in Penang*

13.00 – 14.00  *Lunch break*
Chair: Jean-Claude Galey (EHESS, Paris)

14.15 – 15.00 Anu Krishna
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle

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