

THE KOLLAM PLATES IN THE WORLD OF THE NINTH CENTURY INDIAN OCEAN (AN EXPERIMENT IN LARGE MICRO-HISTORY)

12-13 JUNE 2013 – TRINITY HOUSE, DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY, LEICESTER (UK)

TUESDAY 11 JUNE

7.30 pm – Informal dinner at Kayal restaurant. Meet in lobby of Mercure City Hotel at 7.30 pm. (NB this dinner is not covered by the workshop budget).

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE - COMMUNITIES AND MATERIAL WORLDS

10.00 am - Elizabeth Lambourn, Roberta Tomber and Kesavan Veluthat – Welcome, project summary, presentation of new edition of Kollam plates.

Communities, daily lives and urban spaces (10.30 am – 1.00 pm)

Kesavan Veluthat (University of Delhi) – Communities and Urban Space in 9th Century Kollam: New Interpretation of Old Data in the Re-edited Old Malayalam text.

Robert Carter (University College London - Qatar) – Life and Local Context of the Monastic and other Christian Communities of the Persian Gulf, 7th-9th centuries AD.

COFFEE/TEA

Stephanie Wynne-Jones (University of York) – Urban Spaces and Religious Foundations: Shanga and Kollam Compared.

John Chaffee (Binghamton University) – West Asian Merchant Lives in 8th and 9th Century Khanfu (Guangzhou).

LUNCH (1.00-2.00 pm)

Legal worlds and legal encounters (2.00-4.30 pm)

Don Davis (University of Wisconsin Madison) – Law-Stuff: Content and Materiality of the Kollam Plates.

Daud Ali (University of Pennsylvania) – South Indian Copper Plates and their Publics.

COFFEE/TEA

Ludwig Paul (University of Hamburg) – Early Judaeo-Persian as an Ethnolect on the Middle Eastern Scene, and the JP Formulae on the Kollam Plates.

Geoffrey Khan (University of Cambridge) – Legal Encounters on the Eastern Fringes of the Abbasid world – Khurasan and Kerala Compared.

4.30 pm - DISCUSSION with Kesavan Veluthat, Daud Ali and Geoffrey Khan of revised English translation.

WORKSHOP DINNER - WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE

6.30–8.00 pm Visit to the Belgrave Road, the heart of the South Asian and East African Asian communities in Leicester. Departure at 6.30 pm from the lobby of the Mercure City Hotel.

8.00-10.00 pm – Formal workshop dinner in the Belgrave Road area (restaurant TBC).

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THURSDAY 13 JUNE

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Routes and networks – session I (10.00 am-1.00 pm)

Jean-Charles Ducène (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris, and Université Libre de Bruxelles) – Ninth Century Indian Ocean Routes and Kollam from Islamic Geographical Sources.

Eric Staples (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sultanate of Oman) – The Remnants of Ships and Sea Tales: Reconstructing a Maritime Past in the Indian Ocean.

Derek Kennet (University of Durham) - Patterns of Trade in the 6th-10th Centuries in the Western Indian Ocean - the Archaeological Evidence.

COFFEE/TEA

Philip Wood (ISMC, Aga Khan University) - West Asians and religious institutions in the Kollam plates: shifts in institutional links from Iran to Iraq.

Eric Vallet (Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne) - Merchant Networks and the Abbasid State.

LUNCH (1.00-2.00 pm)

Routes and networks – session II (2.00-4.30 pm)

Tim Power (UCL Qatar) – Contacts between the Red Sea and South India in the Ninth Century.

Mark Horton (University of Bristol) – Testing Networks - the Archaeology of Daily Life in “Abbasid” Zanzibar and Pemba.

COFFEE/TEA

Pierre-Yves Manguin (EFEO Paris) – Shippers and Trade Networks at the Southeast Asian Crossroads around the 9th Century.

Erica Hunter (School of Oriental and African Studies) – Eastern Christian Networks in the 9th Century: from the Eastern Mediterranean to Eastern China.

4.30 pm - DISCUSSION of network outputs and dissemination: edited volume, travelling banner exhibition and permanent open-access website.

WORKSHOP DINNER - THURSDAY 13 JUNE

7.00-10.00 pm: Formal Workshop dinner in the Alexander Room, Mercure City Hotel, Leicester.

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