3rd Biennial Conference

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Kings Manor, Exhibition Square, York, YO1 7EP



Conference Programme

Day 1, 12th December:

Registration: 9.00-10.00 in K/G33

10.00-12.00 Session 1 - Reports on Excavation and Fieldwork

Conference room: K/133 Chair: Timothy Insoll

1. Archaeological evidence for early Islamic practice on Grande Comore (Ngazidja, Comoros)
Mark Horton, Alison Crowther, Patrick Faulkner

2. Islamic Monsoon: Globalization, Trade, and Industry in the Eastern Indian Ocean since the 7th Century AD (online)

Abu Bakar Said, Tori Nuariza Sutanto, Muhammad Faizurrahman

3. Indian Ocean earthenwares: a window into medieval connectivities

Anne Haour and Stephanie Wynne-Jones

4. Christianity in Context: An Overview of the Results from the Anglo-Bahraini Excavations at Samahij, Bahrain, 2019-2023

Timothy Insoll

5. Crossing history and archaeology, a possibility for mapping the past Tana Delta's population distribution in Kenya (online)

Yanis Mokri

6. Faunal Remains from Muharraq Town, Bahrain – A Comparative View of the Early and Late Islamic Period Assemblages and its Potential for Indicating Identity through Diet Samantha Dobson

12.00-13.00 Lunch will be available in the Huntingdon Room

13.00-15.00 Session 2 - The Lost Architecture of Yemeni Tihama

Conference room: K/133 Chair: Nancy Um (online)

1. The use of plastered brickwork, stucco, and glass in shaping the architectural decoration of al-Hudayda and its surrounding area

Valentina Laviola

2. Portals and Rawashin from Hodeida (late 18th – early 20th century)

Andrea Luigi Corsi

3. Architectural and Historical Surveys of al-Mukha and al-Luhayya by the IUO Mission Serenella Mancini

4. Al-Hudayda and the international trade in the modern era: people, goods, coffee and the Red Sea maritime system

Agnese Fusaro

5. Beyond the Red Sea Style: What Globalization theories can add to the understanding of al-Hudayda architecture

Serena Autiero



15.20-17.00 Session 3 - Circulating goods, navigating the Indian Ocean

Conference room: K/133 Chair: Stephanie Wynne-Jones

- 1. New perspectives on coastal heritage and historical archaeology in Jaffna, Sri Lanka Gill Juleff, Sanathanan Thamotharampillai, Ruth Young, John P Cooper, Emma Dwyer, Kamalakumari Karunaanithy, Thavachchelvi Rasan
- 2. Between Myths, Facts, and Experimental Samudraraksa Ship Voyages Tracing the Indian Ocean Rempah Route: A Symmetrical Archaeology Approach (online)

 Asyhadi Mufsi Sadzali
- 3. The flux and flow of Islamic glass bangles: Bahrain as a major case study for their trade and dissemination across the western Indian Ocean trade network

 Charlotte Nash-Pye
- 4. Contact seen through ceramics in the Late Pre-Islamic and Early Islamic Gulf; a study from Samahij, Bahrain

Nicholas Tait

5. New Discovery along the Trade Routes: Unveiling the Sino-Arab Maritime Connection through Mr. Hussein's Chinese Ceramics Collection from Ras al- Khaimah, UAE
Ran Zhang

17.00-17.30 Refreshment break in K/G33

17.30-18.30 Keynote presentation: Tissamaharama - excavations and ceramics research

Heidrun Schenk, KAAK Bonn, German Archaeological Institute

Conference room: Huntingdon room

The lecture will be followed by a wine reception in the Huntingdon room



Day 2, 13th December:

9.00-10.40 Session 4 - New perspectives on Madagascar and the Comoros

Conference room: K/159 Chair: Mark Horton

1. New insights on softstone vases from Mayotte

Vincent Serneels and Christoph Nitsche

- 2. Discovery of previously unknown softstone quarries along the East Coast of Madagascar (online)
 Christoph Nitsche and Vincent Serneels
- 3. Mysteries from a Remote Corner of the Indian Ocean World Marilee Wood, Bako Rasoarifetra and Laure Dussubieux
- 4. Teniky: enigmatic architecture at an archaeological site in southern Madagascar
 Guido Schreurs, Vincent Serneels, Tristan Allegro, Léonard Kramer, Raphaël Kunz, Ny Aina Nasandratra,
 Audrey Niederer, Chantal Radimilahy, Judith Raharinoro, Jean-Aimé Rakotoarisoa, Lahatra Rakotomavo, Ny
 Antso Rakotondrazafy, Lucien Rakotozafy, Njara Randrianarivelo, Bako Rasoarifetra, Margaux Rouvinez, Nelas
- 5. Discussant Mark Horton

10.40-11.00 Refreshment break in K/157

11.00-13.00 Session 5 - Objects in Context, Rethinking Use

Fanny Sabe, Ildiko Katona Serneels, Sönke Szidat

Conference room: K/159 Chair: Anne Haour

- 1. The Pemba Horizon, AD 980-1180: An inflection period on the Swahili coast Jeffrey Fleisher
- 2. DPD by Dhow: How the consumption of ceramics built a community at Unguja Ukuu Lizzie Hicks
- 3. Beads Assemblage from Medieval Swahili Coast: Evidence from Gedi (online)
 Khalfan Bini Ahmed
- 4. Entangled materialities: southern Africa in the Indian Ocean world Abigail Moffett
- 5. Cooking the Text: Malay inscriptions on Brunei Domestic Brassware
 Annabel teh Gallop
- 6. Coming from Far Away: A Comparative Study of the Repair of East and Southeast Asian Ceramics from Bahrain and the Arabian Gulf

Yiying Li

13.00-14.00 Lunch will be available in the Huntingdon room



14.00-16.20 Session 6 - Connections and practices

Conference room: K/159 Chair: Hannah Parsons

- 1. First millennium villages and early Indian Ocean trade in northeast South Africa (online)
 Alexander Antonites, Annie R. Antonites, Christian Peterson
- 2. Turtlescapes of the Western Indian Ocean

Michelle Alexander and Mik Lisowski

- 3. Early Islamic Surgical-Medical Instruments on the West Coast of Sumatra, Indonesia (online)
 Tori Nuariza Sutanto, Muhammad Faizurrahman, Abu Bakar Said, Salicha Oktamila
- 4. Contacts between India and the Northern Horn of Africa in Ancient Times Terracotta Figurines from Hawelti, Ethiopia (online)

Sarah Japp

5. Sacred Images of Ethiopia. The Collection of Ethiopian Icons in the Museum Fünf Kontinente in Munich

Carolin Schäfer

- 6. Ding Ware: A Quantified Archaeological Study of Distribution in China during 900-1300AD (online) Yiving Liu
- 7. An Archaeology of 'Islamic Slavery' in Indian Ocean Arabia: possibilities and challenges so far Awet Araya

16.20-18.00 Refreshment break in the Huntingdon room

18.00-19.00 Keynote presentation: Exploring Indian Ocean connections in Iron Age-Early Historic Southern India

Sharada Srinavasan, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Indian Institute of Science Huntingdon Room

The lecture is jointly sponsored by the Yorkshire Fellows of the Society of Antiquaries and will be open to a wider audience. It will be followed by a wine reception.