



International Conference:

# **Currencies of Commerce in the Greater Indian Ocean World**

23 and 24 April 2015

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**23 April 2015**

*Location: Peterson Hall, room 116*

**8:45 – 9:30 – Registration**

**9:30 – 9:45 – Introduction**

Steven Serels

**9:45 – 10:00 – Welcome Address**

Gwyn Campbell, Director of the Indian Ocean World Centre

**10:00 – 11:30 – First Keynote Address**

Bronze Coins and Silver Ingots – The Major Currencies across the East  
Asian Mediterranean

Angela Schottenhammer (University of Salzburg)

**11:30 – 12:00 – Coffee Break**

### **12:00 – 1:15 Panel 1: Regional Currency Systems**

Chair: Rebecca Spang (Indiana University)

Specie, Speculation and the Sterling Area

Johan Mathew (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)

A Case of Colonial Design: India's Engagement with the Maria Theresa Thaler

Priyamvada Ankush Sawant (University of Mumbai)

### **1:15 – 2:15 – Lunch**

### **2:15 – 3:30 – Panel 2: Inter and Intra-Regional Monetary Union**

Chair: Burkhard Schnepel (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg)

Asian Monetary Union: Is it Beneficial for the Region?

Feridul Islam (Morgan State University)

Poverty and the Circulation of Modern Currencies in the Red Sea World, 1882-2010

Steven Serels (Zentrum Moderner Orient)

### **3:30 – 4:00 – Coffee Break**

### **4:00 – 5:30 – Second Keynote Address**

The Indian coinage and monetary system in the early modern period

Om Prakash (Delhi School of Economics)

### **5:30 – Wine Reception**

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**24 April 2015**

*Location: Leacock Building, room 808*

### **9:30 – 11:00 – Panel 3: Local Values of Foreign Currencies**

Chair: Sarah Fee (Royal Ontario Museum)

Currency and Currency Problems in Imperial Madagascar, 1790-1895

Gwyn Campbell (McGill University)

Between Money and Material: Old Chinese Coins Dominated Medieval Japan

Akinobu Kuroda (Harvard University / University of Tokyo)

The Spanish Dollar's Singular Career in Mauritius  
Amenah Jahangeer Chojoo (Mahatma Gandhi Institute)

**11:00 – 11:30 – Coffee Break**

**11:30 – 12:45 – Panel 4: Commodity Currencies**

Chair: Elizabeth Elbourne (McGill University)

What East Africans got for their Ivory and Slaves (c.1840-c.1900)  
Karin Pallaver (University of Bologna)

Current, Winds, Metals and Shells: Indian Sultanates 120-1600 and the  
Great Indian Ocean Trade in Monetary Commodities  
John S. Deyell (Independent Researcher)

**1:00 – 2:00 – Lunch**

**2:00 – 3:30 – Panel 5: Official Regulation of Currency Systems**

Chair: John Galaty (McGill University)

Currency as Commodity, as Symbol of Sovereignty and as Subject of  
Legal Dispute: Henri Gerffulhe and the Coinage of Zanzibar in the late 19<sup>th</sup>  
Century

Catherine Eagleton (British Library)

Free Coinage in Early Imperial China  
Daniel Friedman (School of Oriental and African Studies,  
University of London)

The 'Great Debasement' in the Ottoman Empire, 1821-1841  
Veysel Simsek (McGill University)

**3:30 – 4:00 – Coffee Break**

**4:00 – 5:00 - Closing Discussion**

**6:30 – Conference Dinner**

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