

**International Conference: “Pirates, Brigands, and Smugglers in the Indian Ocean World”**

**Indian Ocean World Centre  
McGill University  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**



## **Conference Overview**

The conference will take place in Peterson Hall, room 116, on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Peterson Hall is located at 3460 rue McTavish, on the McGill University campus. A map is included at the end of this document.

We will begin on Thursday with breakfast and registration starting at 9:00 am. Please arrange to arrive at Peterson Hall no later than 9:20 am, so as not to delay or interrupt the first presentations of the day. We will end at approximately 4:45 pm, followed by a guided walk up Mt. Royal.

On Friday we will begin with breakfast at 9:30 am followed by the first panel at 10 am. Friday's session will conclude at 3:00 pm, and we will reconvene at Philino's restaurant for the conference dinner at 6 pm.

## **Registration**

Registration will take place between 9:00am and 9:30am on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The registration fee is \$200 CAD (\$100 CAD for registered graduate students). Receipts will be issued upon request. Payment is in cash - unfortunately we are not equipped to accept credit or debit card payments.

Registration includes breakfast, lunch, coffee, and light snacks on both days of the conference, as well as the conference dinner on the evening of Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Partners are welcome to attend the conference dinner, but are required to pay \$60 CAD.

## **Presentation Format**

Presentations will be limited to 20 minutes each. Each panel will consist of three presentations, followed by approximately 30 minutes of questions and discussion.

## **Paper Formatting Guidelines**

It is not necessary to submit a completed paper before the conference, but as we intend to move quickly to publication of selected papers afterwards, please note the following:

- All papers should be approximately 8,000 to 9,000 words, including footnotes (i.e. use footnotes) and bibliography.
- Footnotes, which should be limited to bibliographical entries, should follow the Chicago Manual of Style, 16<sup>th</sup> edition:  
[http://arts.pdn.ac.lk/ichss/content/Chicago\\_Manual\\_of\\_Style.pdf](http://arts.pdn.ac.lk/ichss/content/Chicago_Manual_of_Style.pdf)
- Illustrations should include, wherever possible, clear black and white maps and images. For publication, all images will be in black and white.
- Illustrations (JPG and TIFF acceptable) should be at least 3x5 inches/5x3 inches/1000x1500 pixels at 300 dpi. Failing that, use the largest image available.
- In any ensuing publication, you will be required to obtain permission for any illustrations etc. that you include in your work.

**Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 – 9:25 am: REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST**

**9:25 am: OPENING REMARKS (Gwyn Campbell, McGill)**

**9:30 – 11:00 am: PANEL 1: The East India Company (Chair: Gwyn Campbell, McGill)**

**Nathaniel Bassett** (University of Akron) – “The Much Lamented Death of Captain Thomas Green: Trade, Rivalry, and the Indian Ocean in Anglo-Scottish Relations”

**David Wilson** (University of Strathclyde) – “Remembrance of Mischief Formerly Done: The British East India Company and the Problems of Piracy in the Western Indian Ocean, 1719 – 1724”

**Jessica Hanser** (Yale NUS) – “The East India Company’s Slaves”

**11:00 – 11:15 am: COFFEE BREAK**

**11:15 – 12:45 am: PANEL 2: Categories of Criminality (Chair: Peter Hynd, McGill)**

**Zozan Pehlivan** (McGill University) – “We Do Not Call It Smuggling: It Is Trade”

**Alastair McClure** (McGill University) – “Inland Piracy?: The River Dacoits of Colonial India”

**12:45 am – 1:30 pm: LUNCH**

**1:30 – 3:00 pm: PANEL 3: Eastern Africa (Chair: Sarah Fee, Royal Ontario Museum)**

**Gwyn Campbell** (McGill University) – “Banditry in Imperial Madagascar, c. 1780-1896”

**Kelsey McFaul** (University of California at Santa Cruz) – “‘There are no pirates in Somalia.’: Performance, Gaps, and Indian Ocean Worlds in Nuruddin Farah’s *Crossbones*.”

**Awet Weldemichael** (Queen’s University) – “Discourses and Meta-Narratives of Piracy in Somalia”

**3:00 – 3:15 pm: COFFEE BREAK**

**3:15 – 4:45 pm: PANEL 4: Defining Piracy (Chair: Zozan Pehlivan, McGill)**

**Abhilash Malayil** (Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi) – “A Mid 18<sup>th</sup> Century ‘Nest’ of Malabar Pirates, a.k.a. ‘Pepper Smugglers’, Organized Around a North Malabar Settlement Named ‘Cotte’”

**Sebastian R. Prange** (University of British Columbia) – “Right of the Port, Right of the Sea: Maritime Violence and Protection in the Medieval Indian Ocean”

**Jennifer L. Gaynor** (University at Buffalo, SUNY) – “Hinterseas: Outlaws, In-laws, and Political Relations in the Maritime World.”

**4:45 pm: Guided walk up Mt. Royal** (weather permitting)

**Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 – 10:00 am: BREAKFAST**

**10:00 am – 11:30 pm: PANEL 5: The Eastern IOW (Chair: Alastair McClure, McGill)**

**Corwan Groux** (McGill University) – “Zheng Shi”

**Zhexin Xu** (University of Salzburg) – “The Impact of Piracy and Smuggling on the Hinterland: North Fujian during the Song Dynasty (960-1279)”

**James Warren** (Murdoch University) – “In search of Julano Taupan: His Life and His Times”

**11:30 – 11:45 pm: COFFEE BREAK**

**11:45 – 1:15 pm: PANEL 7: Smuggling in the British Empire (Chair: James Warren, Murdoch)**

**Andrew Macdonald** (University of the Witwatersrand) – “The Clever Brigade: A Business History of Mulligan and Co., Indian Ocean Gold Smugglers in the Age of Empire”

**Peter Hynd** (McGill University) – “Drug Smuggling in Early Twentieth Century Madras”

**Amrita Chowdhury** (McGill University) – “The Smuggling of Salt and a System of Surveillance in Eastern and Southern Indian (1800-1856)” [Skype]

**1:15 – 2:00 pm: LUNCH**

**2:00 – 3:00 pm: DISCUSSION: Pirates, Brigands, and Smugglers in the Indian Ocean World**

**3:00 pm: Closing Remarks – Gwyn Campbell, IOWC**

**6:00 pm: CONFERENCE DINNER – *Philino’s Restaurant – 4806 avenue du Parc***

*Approximately half-hour walk from McGill campus, or ten minutes by taxi.*

## INFORMATION FOR VISITORS TO MONTREAL

- The Indian Ocean World Centre is located in Peterson Hall, 3460 rue McTavish. This is on the main campus of McGill University, in downtown Montreal.
- Visitors to McGill receive a small discount at certain nearby hotels. Mention McGill when making your booking to receive the discount. See <https://www.mcgill.ca/accommodations/mohp> for a list of hotels. These hotels – and many others – are within walking distance of McGill.
- McGill is easily accessible by public transit. Peel metro station (on the green line) is a 5 minute walk from Peterson Hall. See <http://www.stm.info/en> for more information about public transit in Montreal.
- Montreal’s tourism website is a useful resource for planning your trip. It can be found here: <https://www.mtl.org/en>
- Do not hesitate to contact Peter Hynd at [iowc@mcgill.ca](mailto:iowc@mcgill.ca) if you require further information, or have any questions about booking your trip.

