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Conference Programme

Thursday Oct. 23 @ Arts 160/IOWC

09:00-10:00 registration coffee and welcome - Arts 160

10:00-10:10 introductory remarks – Omri Bassewitch Frenkel

10:10-10:20 IOWC presentation – Prof. Gwyn Campbell, Director of the Indian Ocean World Centre

10:30-12:00 **First Panel – China and its trade routes**

Chair: Anna Winterbottom (IOWC, University of Sussex)

- **Derek Heng (Yale–NUS College) - The Ivory Trade Across The Indian Ocean World As Depicted In Chinese Textual Records: First And Early Second Millennium AD**
- **Amanda Respass (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor) - Birds, Migration, and Medical Knowledge in Medieval China and Iran**
- **Kenneth Hall (Ball State University) - Southeast Asia's Deer and Deer Product Trade in Wider Indian Ocean Context**

1200-1300 lunch– Peterson Hall, room 100- IOWC (until the end of the day)

1300-1430 **Second Panel – The Indian Subcontinent**

Chair: Rashed Chowdhury (IOWC, McGill University)

- **Samuel Ostroff (University of Pennsylvania) - The Most Sovereign Commodity: Pearl Fisheries and the Making of Empire in India and Sri Lanka, c. 1658-1815**
- **Sundar Vadlamundi (University of Texas, Austin) - Trading Shells: Chank Fishery in South India in the early 19th century**
- **Chhaya Goswami (VCU Qatar) - The Kachchhi Capitalists and the Ivory Trade of Zanzibar**

1430-1500 Coffee

1500-1630 **Third Panel –Island Animals**

Chair: Veysel Simsek (IOWC, McGill University)

· **Joseph Klein (UC Santa Cruz) - From Curiosity to Commodity: Upland Economic Transformation and the Emergence of the Underground Trade in Slow Lorises in Colonial Java and Sumatra**

· **Gwyn Campbell (IOWC, McGill University) - The Domestic and Foreign Trade in Cattle and Cattle Parts in Pre-colonial Madagascar, c.1750-1895**

17:45-19:00 – IOWC Speaker Series (Optional) - Dr. Jon Unruh, Professor of Geography, McGill University: Land and Conflict in Southern Yemen: History Fought Today) - 116 Peterson Hall.

19:30 - Conference Dinner – Gado-Gado restaurant

Friday Oct. 24 @ Arts 160

09:00-09:30 Coffee and Welcome

09:30-10:45 – Keynote Speaker – Martha Chaiklin (Independent Scholar)

10:45-11:00 – coffee

11:00-12:30 – Fourth Panel - Embassies and company trade

Chair: Martha Chaiklin (Independent Scholar)

· **Michael Laver (Rochester Institute of Technology) - The Shogun's Menagerie: The Dutch East India Company, Exotic Animals, and Gift Giving in Early Modern Japan**

· **Ria Winters (University Library Amsterdam) - The Dutch East India Company and the transport of live animals**

· **Omri Bassewitch Frenkel (IOWC, McGill University) - So Long, and Thank You For All the Elephants - The role of animal presents in 16th cen. Spanish East-Asian diplomacy.**

12:30 – 13:30 lunch

13:30-15:00 – Fifth Panel – Colonial trade and establishments

Chair: Giancarlo Casale (McGill)

· **Barry Stiefel (College of Charleston) - What else came with the Chattel?: African and Indian Imports to the American South Prior to 1808**

· **Ilicia Sprey (Ivy Tech Community College, Lafayette) - From Royal Menageries to Public Zoos: The Political and Public Role of Animal Collections in seventeenth through nineteenth-centuries Vietnamese political and social development**

· **Brian Cowan (McGill University) - The elephant in the coffee-room: exotic animals and commercial sociability in early modern London**

1500-16:30 – Closing Remarks and reception