

MCGILL-GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Forced Migration and the Environment in the Indian Ocean World



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McGill-Glasgow International Conference on Forced Migration and Environment in the Indian Ocean World, past to present, December 6–8, 2018
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Graduate Workshop on Migration and the Environment in the Indian Ocean World

Venue: Research Commons Room A, McLennan-Redpath Library Complex

8:30 - 9:15 Breakfast and Registration

9:15 - 9:30 Introductory Remarks and Announcements

9:30 – 11:00 Panel 1- Material Culture and Migration in East Africa

Chair: Nodd Gooding, PhD

- Axelle Boyer “Journeys of the Beaded Belts and the female body in Comorian Culture”, PhD Student, History of Art and Visual Culture Department, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Henriette Rødland “Material Traces of Unfree Persons in Pre-Colonial Swahili Towns”, PhD Student, Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, Uppsala University

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:45 Panel 2- Human-Assisted Migration of Non-Human Organisms

Chair: Anna Winterbottom, PhD

- Aaron Van Neste “Mechanization by Insect: Multi-species Ecologies in the Malaysian Plantationocene” PhD Student, History of Science Department, Harvard University
- Laura Yan “Movement of Workers, Movement of Disease: The Origins of Environmental Control in Singapore” PhD student, History Department, Columbia University

12:45 – 2:00 Lunch

2:00 - 2:45 Panel 3- Forced Migration across the Arabian Sea

Chair: Benjamin Thomas White, PhD

- Mahmoud Elewa “Roots of the African Diaspora in Oman: Slavery, Slave Resistance & Manumission in Al Batinah during the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries” M.A. Candidate, History Department, Brock University

2:45 – 3:00 Coffee Break

3:00 - 4:20 Roundtable Discussion- Migration History and Contemporary Policy Directions

- Laura Madokoro (McGill), author of *Elusive Refuge: Chinese Migrants in the Cold War* and contributor in the Yan P. Lin Centre’s Research Group on Transitions and Global Modernities
&
- Benjamin Thomas White (UofGlasgow), director of Wellcome Trust-funded project “Humans and animals in refugee camps” and affiliate with The Glasgow Refugee, Asylum and Migration Network

4:20- 4:30 Closing Remarks

6:30 Dinner for workshop participants at Philino’s Restaurant (4806 Park Ave, Montreal)

**McGill-Glasgow International Conference on Forced Migration and
Environment in the Indian Ocean World, past to present**

*Venue: Second Floor Ballroom, Carrefour Sherbrooke,
475 Sherbrooke West, Montreal, QC.*

Schedule: Friday, December 7, 2018

8:30 - 9:00am

Light Breakfast & Registration

9:00 - 9:10am

Welcome and Introductory Remarks by Gwyn Campbell, Director of the Indian Ocean World Centre, and conference organizers, Rebekah McCallum and Tyler Yank

9:15 - 10:45am

Panel 1: Anthropogenic and Social Landscapes

Chair: Nodd Gooding

Felicity Hand and Esther Pujolràs (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Catalonia)

The Myth of the Empty Territory: the Tragedy of the Chagos Islanders

Gwyn Campbell (IOWC, McGill University)

Austronesian Migration to Madagascar and Environment

10:45 - 11:15am 30-minute Coffee Break

11:15 - 12:45pm

Panel 2: Conservation, Preservation, and the Environment

Chair: Caroline Seagle

Julia Jong Haines (University of Virginia, US)

Archaeology of Cultural and Ecological Landscapes in Bras d'Eau National Park, Mauritius

Tibor Böhm (University of Vienna, Austria)

Environmental Conservation and Forced Migration along the Indian Ocean Coast of South Africa

12:45 - 1:45pm One-Hour Lunch Break

1:45 - 3:15pm

Panel 3: Migrants: Refuge, Rehabilitation, and Resources

Chair: Rebekah McCallum

Benjamin Thomas White (University of Glasgow, Scotland): Humans and animals in a refugee camp: Baquba, Iraq, 1918-21

Sona Kaur (University of Essex, UK): Undocumented Punjabi migrants' experiences of distress and how they manage with this in the United Kingdom

3:15 - 3:30pm 15-minute Refreshment

3:30 – 5:00pm

Panel 4: Environmental Crises-led Migration

Chair: Benjamin Thomas White

Nodd Gooding (IOWC, McGill University)

Migration from the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo to West-Central Tanzania, c.1750-2015

Kaoru Kakinuma (Tohoku University, Japan):

Population Displacements and Floods in the Indian Ocean World

7:00pm Conference Dinner at Restaurant Sho-Dan
(2020 Metcalfe St. Montreal QC H3A1X8;
a 10-minute walk from the conference venue)

Schedule: Saturday December 8th

***Venue: Second Floor Ballroom, Carrefour Sherbrooke,
475 Sherbrooke West, Montreal, QC.***

8:45 - 9:30am

Light Breakfast and Registration

9:30 - 11:00am

Panel 5: Servile Labour and Changing Landscapes

Chair: Tyler Yank

Dwight Carey (Amherst College, US)

Slaves Transforming the Landscape: The Extraction of Architectural Resources in
Eighteenth-Century Mauritius

Yoshina Hurgobin (Kennesaw State University, US)

Slaves, Coolies and the “Law of Storms”

11:00 - 11:30 30-Minute Coffee Break

11:30 - 1:00pm

Panel 6: Trading Systems and Weather Systems

Chair: Peter Hynd

Madhumita Chatterjee (Ashoka University, India): Realm of Gifts: Forced migration and
survival strategies of the Jews in the Western Indian Ocean c.1000-1300

Rafaël Thiébaud (International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam): The “mauvaise
saison”: maritime trading with Madagascar during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries

1:00 - 2:00pm One-Hour Lunch Break

2:00 - 3:00pm Roundtable Discussion: Future Collaborations

3:00pm-3:15pm Concluding Remarks

Locations:

Graduate Workshop (Dec 6)



The Research Commons Room A, where the graduate workshop (Dec 6) will be held, is indicated on the map to the left. Access through McLennan Library.

The address of McGill University is 845 Sherbrooke St W, Montreal, QC H3A 0G4.

Public Transit: The university is served by the Metro green line (Station McGill or Station Peel) and bus lines 24 and 144.

Two-Day Conference (Dec 7-8):



The Carrefour Sherbrooke (475 Sherbrooke West) is a McGill student residence that also houses many conference rooms. Our conference will be taking place in the Second Floor Ballroom.

Please look for signage when you enter the building off of Sherbrooke Street.

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