

**KOLLAM PLATES WORKSHOP
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
THE BRITISH MUSEUM**

1 & 2 OCTOBER 2012

Monday 1 October 2012 - Towards a New Publication of the Kollam Plates

9.30-10.00 - Sign in and coffee/tea.

10.00 - Welcome: Elizabeth Lambourn (Principal Investigator) and Roberta Tomber (Co-Investigator)
AHRC Research Network – Routes, Networks and Communities in the Medieval Indian Ocean.

10.00-11.30 – A new translation of the Tamil portions of the Kollam Plates.

M. R. Varier (M. G. University) - "In defence of a new reading of the Kollam plates."

Professors Varier, Subbarayalu and Veluthat to lead read through of the revised Romanized transcription and English translation of the two sets of plates highlighting updates/changes to previous readings (Gundert and Rao) and rationale for these.

11.30-12.00 – Coffee/tea

12.00-13.00 – West Asian elements in the Kollam plates.

Elizabeth Lambourn (De Montfort University) and Philip Wood (University of Cambridge) to lead recap of readings of West Asian group testimonials (EL) and the problems of transcribing Syriac in 9th century Kollam (PW).

13.00–14.00 – Lunch

14.00-15.30 – Towards a new publication of the Kollam Plates.

Group discussion of the formats and conventions that will best communicate the revised translation and content of the grants to a non-specialist audience. Glossaries, footnotes, critical appendices etc. (Chair: Daud Ali, University of Pennsylvania).

15.30-16.00 – Coffee/tea

16.00-17.00 – Summary of the day's discussions and any other business.

19.00 - Formal workshop dinner (venue and details will be communicated by separate e-mail).

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Tuesday 2 October 2012 - Contextualizing the Kollam Plates

9.00-9.30 - Sign in and coffee/tea.

9.30-10.00 – Kesavan Veluthat (University of Delhi) – “Situating the Kollam Plates in the context of the Historiography of Kerala.”

10.20-10.40 - Donald Davis (University of Wisconsin-Madison) – “Law In and Out of the Kollam Plates.”

11.00-11.30 – Tea/coffee

11.30–11.50 – Y. Subbarayalu (EFEO Pondicherry) – “Anjuvannam, a maritime trade guild in the Kollam plates.”

12.00-12.20 – Ken Hall (Ball State University) – “The Kollam Plates in the context of 9th century Eastern Indian Ocean trade practices and networks.”

12.30- 2.50 - Elizabeth Lambourn (De Montfort University)– “The Kollam plates as a window into West Asian networks and community organisation.”

13.00–14.00 – Lunch

14.00–14.20 - Daud Ali (University of Pennsylvania) – “Copper Plates and their Publics in Early Medieval South India.”

14.30–14. 50 - Blake Wentworth (University of California, Berkeley) – “Bringing the Cheramāṇ to Tamilakam: The Kerala Coast, Viewed from Cidambaram.”

15.00-15.30 – Coffee/tea

15.30–17.00 – Concluding discussion, The Kollam plates in Indian Ocean Studies. (Chair: Ken Hall, Ball State University)

17.00-17.30 - Concluding remarks, coordination of publication plans, and thanks (EL and RT).

19.00 - Formal workshop dinner (venue and details will be communicated by separate e-mail).

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