

**THE KOLLAM PLATES IN THE WORLD OF THE NINTH CENTURY INDIAN OCEAN
(AN EXPERIMENT IN LARGE MICRO-HISTORY)**

12-13 JUNE 2013 – TRINITY HOUSE, DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY, LEICESTER (UK)

TUESDAY 11 JUNE

7.30 pm – Informal dinner at Kayal restaurant. Meet in lobby of Mercure City Hotel at 7.30 pm.

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE - COMMUNITIES AND MATERIAL WORLDS

10.00 am - Elizabeth Lambourn, Roberta Tomber and Kesavan Veluthat – Welcome, project summary, presentation of new edition and translation of the Kollam plates.

Communities, daily lives and urban spaces (10.30 am – 1.00 pm)

Chair: Elizabeth Lambourn

Kesavan Veluthat (University of Delhi) – Communities and Urban Space in 9th Century Kollam: New Interpretation of Old Data in the Re-edited Old Malayalam text.

Robert Carter (University College London - Qatar) – Life and Local Context of the Monastic and other Christian Communities of the Persian Gulf, 7th-9th centuries AD.

COFFEE/TEA

Stephanie Wynne-Jones (University of York) – Urban Spaces and Religious Foundations: Shanga and Kollam Compared.

John Chaffee (Binghamton University) – West Asian Merchant Lives in 8th and 9th Century Khanfu (Guangzhou).

LUNCH (1.00-2.00 pm)

Legal worlds and legal encounters (2.00-4.30 pm)

Chair: Elizabeth Edwards

Don Davis (University of Wisconsin Madison) – Law-Stuff: Content and Materiality of the Kollam Plates.

Daud Ali (University of Pennsylvania) – South Indian Copper Plates and their Publics.

COFFEE/TEA

Ludwig Paul (University of Hamburg) – Early Judaeo-Persian as an Ethnolect on the Middle Eastern Scene, and the JP Formulae on the Kollam Plates.

Geoffrey Khan (University of Cambridge) – Legal Encounters on the Eastern Fringes of the Abbasid world – Khurasan and Kerala Compared.

4.30 pm - DISCUSSION led by Kesavan Veluthat, Daud Ali and Geoffrey Khan about the revised edition and English translation of the Kollam Plates (ease of use for non-specialists, relationship to edition and translation conventions in South Indian epigraphy/other non-Western languages, etc).

WORKSHOP DINNER - WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE

7.00-10.00 pm – Workshop dinner at Mirch Masala, Belgrave Road, Leicester (see details on separate sheet).

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THURSDAY 13 JUNE

ROUTES AND NETWORKS IN THEORY AND PRAXIS

Routes and networks – session I (10.00 am-1.00 pm)

Chair: Stephanie Wynne-Jones

Jean-Charles Ducène (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris, and Université Libre de Bruxelles) – Ninth Century Indian Ocean Routes and Kollam from Islamic Geographical Sources.

Eric Staples (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sultanate of Oman) – The Remnants of Ships and Sea Tales: Reconstructing a Maritime Past in the Indian Ocean.

Derek Kennet (University of Durham) - Patterns of Trade in the 6th-10th Centuries in the Western Indian Ocean - the Archaeological Evidence.

COFFEE/TEA

Philip Wood (ISMC, Aga Khan University) - West Asians and religious institutions in the Kollam plates: shifts in institutional links from Iran to Iraq.

Eric Vallet (Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne) - Merchant Networks and the Abbasid State.

LUNCH (1.00-2.00 pm)

Routes and networks – session II (2.00-4.30 pm)

Chair: Roberta Tomber

Tim Power (Zayed University) – Contacts between the Red Sea and South India in the Ninth Century.

Mark Horton (University of Bristol) – Testing Networks - the Archaeology of Daily Life in “Abbasid” Zanzibar and Pemba.

COFFEE/TEA

Pierre-Yves Manguin (EFEO Paris) – Shippers and Trade Networks at the Southeast Asian Crossroads around the 9th Century.

Erica Hunter (School of Oriental and African Studies) – Eastern Christian Networks in the 9th Century: from the Eastern Mediterranean to Eastern China.

4.30 pm - DISCUSSION led by Elizabeth Lambourn and Sarah Longair about network outputs and public dissemination: edited volume, travelling banner exhibition and permanent open-access website.

WORKSHOP DINNER - THURSDAY 13 JUNE

7.00-10.00 pm - Formal Workshop dinner in the Alexander Room, Mercure City Hotel, Granby Street, Leicester.

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