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Port Cities Infrastructures in Global Asia

Workshop Program

NYU Shanghai
Room E904, New Bund Campus

24-25 November 2023



Day 1

Friday, 24 November 2023

9:00AM-
9:15AM Welcome Coffee and Registration

9:15AM-
9:30AM Opening Remarks by Tansen Sen (NYU Shanghai)

Panel 1: The Factory as a Port City Infrastructure in Early Modern Asia

Chair: Duane Corpis (NYU Shanghai)

9:30AM-
9:50AM **Giorgio Riello (EUI, CAPASIA)**
What was a Factory in Early Modern Global Asia? From Madras to Sadras

9:50AM-
10:10AM **Renata Cabral Bernabé (EUI, CAPASIA)**
A Successful Adaptation to Failure: The Portuguese in Socotorá Island during the Sixteenth Century

10:10AM-
10:30AM **Maarten Draper (EUI, CAPASIA)**
VOC Intra-Asian Commodity Trade and the Role of Factories

10:30AM-
11:00AM **Discussion**

11:00AM-
11:20AM **Coffee/Tea Break**

Panel 2: Interactions and Mobilities in Global Asia

Chair: Tansen Sen (NYU Shanghai)

11:20AM-
11:40AM **Guillemette Crouzet (EUI, CAPASIA)**
A Taste for Mocha? Shifting Patterns in the Coffee Trade between Asia and Europe in the Early Modern Period

11:40AM-
12:00PM **Kathleen Burke (NYU Shanghai)**
A Tail of Sheep: Charting the Interactions between the Khoikhoi, Enslaved People, and Animals at the Western Cape (Online)

12:00PM-
12:20PM **Michael O'Sullivan (EUI, CAPASIA)**
Basra and the Ordeals of Ottoman Shipping in the Indian Ocean, 1650-1800 (Online)

12:20PM-
13:00PM **Discussion**

Lunch

13:00PM-14:00PM

Panel 3: Imperial Geographies

Chair: Sangeeta Banerji (NYU Shanghai)

- 14:00PM-
14:20PM **Yin Cao (Tsinghua University)**
British India's Loss of Singapore: Transit Infrastructures and Straits Merchants, 1826-1867
- 14:20PM-
14:40PM **Subadevan Mahadevan (Brown University)**
Wither the Infrastructural State? Globalization as Reinscription of Ascription in Global City of Singapore
- 14:40PM-
15:10PM **Discussion**
- 15:10PM-
15:30PM **Coffee/Tea Break**

Panel 4: Infrastructural Lifeworlds in Port Cities of Global Asia

Chair: Kathleen Burke (NYU Shanghai)

- 15:30PM-
15:50PM **Sangeeta Banerji (NYU Shanghai)**
The Mill and the Port: Land Governance and Infrastructure Development in Post-colonial Mumbai
- 15:50PM-
16:10PM **Ben Gerlofs (The University of Hong Kong)**
Infrastructures of Brackish Urbanism: Value, State Space, and the Postcolonial Palimpsest
- 16:10PM-
16:40PM **Discussion**
- 16:40PM-
17:00PM **Day One Discussion**

Dinner

17:30PM

Day 2

Saturday, 25 November 2023

- 10:00AM-
10:30AM **Coffee/Tea**

Panel 5: The Belt and Road Initiative and Physical Infrastructure Development

Chair: Bhagya Senaratne (NYU Shanghai)

- 10:30AM-
10:50AM **Maria Adele Carrai (NYU Shanghai)**
China's Belt and Road Initiative and Its Connecting Strategy in the Mediterranean

- 10:50AM- **Muhammad Tayyab Safdar (University of Virginia)**
 11:10AM *The BRI in National Peripheries: Gwadar and the Limits of Outsourced Development (Online)*
- 11:10AM- **Jing Wang (NYU Shanghai)**
 11:30AM *Globalizing Domestic Finance: Financial Technology and the Institutional Shifts in China's Cross-border Payment (CBP) Business*
- 11:30AM- **Discussion**
 12:00PM

Lunch

12:00PM-13:30PM

Panel 6: The Belt and Road Initiative: Port and Corridors

Chair: Maria Adele Carrai (NYU Shanghai)

- 13:30PM- **Ivan Willis Rasmussen (NYU Shanghai)**
 13:50PM *Strategic and Rhetoric Variation with Regards to BRI Ports: The Case of the Melaka Gateway*
- 13:50PM- **Bhagya Senaratne (NYU Shanghai)**
 14:10PM *BRI Infrastructure in Sri Lanka: Examining the Vernacular*
- 14:10PM- **Ruiyi Zhu (NYU Shanghai)**
 14:30PM *Aspiring to Standards, Accounting for Deviation: Chinese Enterprises in Post-socialist Mongolia*
- 14:30PM- **Discussion**
 15:00PM
- 15:00PM- **Coffee/Tea Break**
 15:15PM

Round Table

15:15PM-16:00PM

List of Participants

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| Sangeeta Banerji, NYU Shanghai | Subadevan Mahadevan, Brown University |
| Renata Cabral Bernabé, European University Institute | Michael O'Sullivan, European University Institute |
| Kathleen Burke, NYU Shanghai | Ivan Willis Rasmussen, NYU Shanghai |
| Yin Cao, Tsinghua University | Giorgio Riello, European University Institute |
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