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-  Coffee/Tea
10:30AM

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-11:00AM  Muhammad Tayyab Safdar (University of Virginia)
The BRI in National Peripheries: Gwadar and the Limits of Outsourced Development (Online)

11:10AM-11:30AM  Jing Wang (NYU Shanghai)
Globalizing Domestic Finance: Financial Technology and the Institutional Shifts in China’s Cross-border Payment (CBP) Business

11:30AM-12:00PM  Discussion

Lunch
12:00PM-13:30PM

Panel 6: The Belt and Road Initiative: Port and Corridors
Chair: Maria Adele Carrai (NYU Shanghai)

13:30PM-13:50PM  Ivan Willis Rasmussen (NYU Shanghai)
Strategic and Rhetoric Variation with Regards to BRI Ports: The Case of the Melaka Gateway

13:50PM-14:10PM  Bhagya Senaratne (NYU Shanghai)
BRI Infrastructure in Sri Lanka: Examining the Vernacular

14:30PM-15:00PM  Discussion

15:00PM-15:15PM  Coffee/Tea Break

Round Table
15:15PM-16:00PM

List of Participants

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