

Workshop



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Migrations, Crossings, Unintended Destinations Ecological Transfers across the Indian Ocean

Time 11-12 October 2018

Venue The Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Munich, Germany

Conveners Ulrike Kirchberger (Kassel University) and Christof Mauch (Rachel Carson Center, Munich)

Abstract In the age of empire, thousands of species of plants and animals were transferred between Australia, Asia, and Africa. Some of them were exchanged deliberately for economic, scientific, or aesthetic reasons. European settlers, for example, transported cattle, horses, and sheep between South Africa, Asia, and Australia. Camels were exported from Northern India to Australia. Exotic birds from South Asia were taken to Australia and South Africa. Other species traveled between the continents accidentally, as stowaways. Whether intentional or not, these transfers changed ecologies and livelihoods on the three continents forever. This workshop aims to uncover the exchanges that have modified African, Asian, and Australian environments.

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11 October 2018

9.30-9.45 am

Welcome
Christof Mauch

9.45-10.15 am

Introduction
Ulrike Kirchberger

10:15-11:45 a.m.

Politics
Moderator: Christof Mauch

Nuno Grancho (University Institute of Lisbon)
The Estado da Índia ecological networks and transfers in the Indian Ocean

Brett Bennett (Western Sydney University)
A Local, National and International Continuum for Understanding South African Botanical Imaginaries and Identities

11.45-12.00 am

Break

12.00-1.30 pm

People
Moderator: Ulrike Kirchberger

Anna Haebich (Curtin University)
Botanical exchanges in the past, present and future: Nyungar custodians, natural history and settler colonists in the South West Area Region (SWAR) of Western Australia: Part I

James Beattie (Victoria University of Wellington)
Indian/New Zealand ecological connections, 1830s-1890s

1.30-2.45 pm

Lunch (Lobby Rachel Carson Center)

2.45-4.15pm

Islands
Moderator: Roland Wenzlhuemer

Gwyn Campbell (McGill University)
The Migration of Flora and Fauna to and from Madagascar, c.1790-1850.

Vipul Singh (University of Delhi)
Flag-Post in the Indian Ocean: The Peopling of the Andaman Islands; 1780's to 1900's

4.15-4.30 pm

Break

4.30-6.00 pm

Water

Moderator: Milinda Banerjee

Ruth Morgan (Monash University, Melbourne)
Prophecy and Prediction: Forecasting Drought in British India and the Australian colonies

Haripriya Rangan (University of Melbourne)
Landscape histories of the Indian Ocean World: A view from the water

6.30 pm

Restaurant Dinner

12 October 2018

9.00-10.30am

Plants

Moderator: Heather Goodall

David Arnold (University of Warwick)
India, Australia and the Exotic Empire: Tree Introductions into South India, c. 1850-1914

Simon Pooley (Birkbeck University of London)
Thoughts towards a history of ecological transfers across the Indian Ocean: A South African view

10.30-10.45am

Break

10.45-12.15pm

Animals

Moderator: Ursula Münster

Thomas F. McDow (Ohio State University)
Zoological Specimens, Zoological Knowledge:
Collecting Indian Ocean Arabia

Lisa Jenny Krieg (University of Bonn)
Gecko circulations, species becomings, and value transformation in Europe and the Western Indian Ocean between the 19th and the 20th century: the *Phelsuma* day gecko in science, terraristics, and nature conservation

12.15-12.30 pm

Break

12:30-1.30 pm

Final Discussion

Moderator and Concluding Remarks: Christof Mauch

1.30-2.00 pm

Buffet Lunch