

Programme
Centre for Archaeological Studies & Training, Eastern India (CASTEI)
Institut de Chandernagor (IDC)
In association with West Bengal Heritage Commission,
and
Directorate of Archaeology and Museum Kolkata

Mobility and Circulation in the Eastern Indian Ocean World (from the beginnings until 1500)

Kolkata 28-29 January 2016

Venue: 1, Satyen Roy Road, Kolkata-700034

Day 1: 28 January 2016

10 - 12 AM: Inaugural Session

10.00: Welcome Address: Prof. Krishna Bose, Chairperson, CASTEI

10.15: Welcome: Director, IDC

10.20 Introducing the theme: Coordinator

10.30: Vote of thanks: CASTEI

10.35 -11.20: Keynote Address

Chair: Prof. Shireen Maswood (Vice President, CASTEI and Calcutta University)

Prof. Kenneth R. Hall (USA): Mobility and Circulation in the Extended Eastern Indian Ocean

11.20 - 11.35: Tea

11.35 - 1.45 PM: Business Session 1: Contacts

Chair: Dr. Sunil Gupta

Prof. Dr. K.P. Rao (Hyderabad): South India and East Asian Contacts During the Protohistoric and Later Times

Dr. V. Selvakumar (Thanjavur): Interactions between Southeast Coast of India and Southeast Asia (ca. up to 1500 CE)

1.45 - 2.30 Lunch

2.30 - 4.30: Business Session 2: Ceramics

Chair: Prof. K P Rao

Drs. Kaushik Gangopadhyay, Sharmistha Chatterjee (Kolkata): A Preliminary Study of Pottery from Coastal Region of West Bengal with Special Reference to the Site of Bahiri

Dr. Coline Lefrancq (Brussels): Some Reflections on ‘Trade-Marks’ Potteries Discovered at Mahasthan

4.30 - 4.45: Tea

4.45 - 6.45 Business Session 3: Pathways

Chair: Dr. Radhika Seshan

Dr. Sunil Gupta (Allahabad): Skirting the Bay of Bengal: Overland Trade Routes from India to Southern China and Southeast Asia (1000 BC – 500 AD)

Dr. M N Rajesh (Hyderabad): Tibet and Bengal: Access to the Sea and Long Distance Exchanges

Book release. 6.45 - 7.15 PM: *Rethinking Connectivity: Region Place and Space in Asia* eds. Lipi Ghosh and Rila Mukherjee.

Day 2: 29 January 2016

10 - 12 PM: Business Session 4: Peoples, Ports, Networks

Chair: Dr. M N Rajesh

Drs. Suchandra Ghosh & Sabarni Pramanik Nayak (Kolkata): The Mahanavikas in the Maritime Network of the Eastern Indian Ocean and Related Issues (1st century CE to 9th century CE)

Dr. Radhika Seshan (Pune): Continuities in Networks? The Kakatiyas, Motupalli and the Southern Bay of Bengal Linkages

12 - 1 PM: Lunch

1 - 3 PM: Business Session 5: Circulations

Chair: Prof. K. R. Hall

Dr. Sarita Khettri (Visvabharati, Santiniketan): Dissemination of Buddhism from Coast to Coast (c. 3rd century BCE to 15th century CE): A study based on literary and archaeological sources

Dr. Andrea Acri (Singapore/Nalanda University): The ‘Southern pathways’ of the Genesis and Circulation of Esoteric Buddhism in Maritime Asia, 7th–13th Centuries AD (read/presented by Prof. K.R. Hall)

3 - 5 PM: Business Session 6: Mobility 1: Across Regions

Chair: Dr. Suchandra Ghosh

Dr. Aparna Vaidik (Ashoka University, Haryana): The Wild Eden: The Andamans Islands before 1500 AD

Prof. Ilicia Sprey (USA): Mobility and Circulation between the Angkor and the extended Eastern Indian Ocean Coastlines c. 1100-1500

5 - 7 PM: Business Session 7: Mobility 2: Artefacts

Chair: Prof. Ilicia Sprey

TBC: Across the Bay of Bengal: Boats, Figurines, Ceramics and Votive Icons

Dr. Rajat Sanyal (Kolkata): Situating the ‘Unknown’: Explorations into the Anatomy of a Newly Discovered Monastic Site in Southwestern Bengal

Dr. Samuel Berthet (SNU, Noida): Ship Building in Chittagong Region in the Context of Boats and Mobility in the Northern Bay of Bengal

7 - 7.30 PM: Concluding Session

Drs. Kaushik Gangopadhyay and Suchandra Ghosh: Summing Up
Conference ends