

# 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 (Lisbon University Institute)  
The Estado da Índia<sup>1</sup> ecological networks and transfers in the Indian Ocean

Brett Bennett (Western Sydney University)  
Sisters of the South: Plant Migration and National Identity in Australia and South Africa

11.45-12.00 am    **Break**

12.00-1.30 pm      **People**  
**Moderator: Ulrike Kirchberger**

Anna Haebich (Curtin University)  
Colonization, Collectors and Custodians in Noongar Boodja

James Beattie (Victoria University of Wellington)  
Thomas McDonnell's Opium: Circulating Plants, Patronage and Power in the Indian Ocean and Pacific Worlds

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)

Empire of Thirst: Water Scarcity in the British Indian Ocean World

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, tbc**

David Arnold (University of Warwick)

India, Australia and the Exotic Empire: Tree Introductions into South India, c. 1850-1914

Simon Pooley (Birkbeck College, University of London)

Invasive Plants and Fire in the Cape Peninsula

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)

Endangered, invasive, pet, commodity: gecko circulations  
and value transformation in the Western Indian Ocean

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**