



Newsletter May 2015

Conference: Connected Oceans: New Avenues of Research in Oceans and Maritime History

Venue and dates: University of Porto, 8 – 12 June 2015

The conference “Connected Oceans – New Avenues of Research in Oceans History” will be held in Porto (8-12 June 2015), sponsored by the University of Porto; the Transdisciplinary Culture, Space and Memory Research Centre (CITCEM); the International Maritime Economic History Association (IMEHA); and the Erasmus Mundus doctoral programme Text and Event in Early Modern Europe (TEEME).

In 2006 Kären Wigen wrote in a forum on “Oceans of History” that “maritime scholarship seems to have burst its bounds; across the discipline, the sea is swinging into view” (American Historical Review, CXI, No. 3 (2006), 717-721). The time has now come to sum up the last ten years of research on maritime history, revise the current tendencies and identify new trends for the future.

This conference aims at debating new perspectives and avenues of research in the current historiographical production related to the Pacific, Indian, and Atlantic Oceans, as well as the Mediterranean, the Baltic and the North Seas. Papers should be focused on a maritime approach and based on the concept of maritime history in its widest sense: a field of research which encompasses all the dynamics resulting

from, and required by, the ways humans interact with the sea (Frank Broeze, *The Great Circle*, XI, No. 1 (1989), 1-13).

The goal of the conference is to bring senior and junior researchers from a variety of backgrounds and across all periods together to open up new perspectives on maritime history. Multidisciplinary approaches, presentations of on-going or concluded team research projects, and proposals by postgraduate students or early career researchers are therefore welcome.

For further information: <https://connectedoceans.wordpress.com/>

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New volume of *International Journal of Maritime History*

Contents:

Maria Fusaro, 'Public service and private trade: Northern seamen in seventeenth-century Venetian courts of justice'

David Wilson, 'Piracy, patronage & political economy: Captain Kidd and the East India Trade'

Kenneth Morgan, 'From Cook to Flinders: The navigation of Torres Strait'

Peter Hedberg and Lars Karlsson, 'Neutral trade in time of war: The case of Sweden, 1838–1960'

Jan Herman, 'Czechoslovak shipping in the inter-war period: The maritime transport operations of the Baťa Shoe Company, 1932–1935'

Michael Sturma, 'Dream port: Morale, memory and allied submariners in Western Australia during the Second World War'

Chih-lung Lin, 'Containerization in Australia: The formation of the Australia-Japan Line'

+ Book review section

Available at: <http://www2.hull.ac.uk/fass/internationaljournalofmarit.aspx>

Notice of Meeting

7th IMEHA International Congress of Maritime History

"Old Worlds, New Worlds? Emerging themes in maritime history."

Dates: 27 June to 1 July 2016

Venue: Murdoch University, Perth, Western Australia

The Organising Committee for the 7th IMEHA International Congress of Maritime History (ICMH7) invite proposals for panels and papers to be presented at its 2016 Congress. The Congress will be hosted by Murdoch University, the Western Australian Maritime Museum, the Australian Association for Maritime History and the International Commission for Maritime History and held at Murdoch University, Perth Australia.

The theme for the conference is "Old Worlds, New Worlds? Emerging themes in maritime history". ICMH7 has adopted a broad concept of maritime history, considering all interdisciplinary fields, covering all historical periods and various aspects of humankind's relationship with the sea from ancient times to the present.

Australia is an island nation. According to Frank Broeze, "Australian history and Australian society have been shaped by the dynamic interaction of land, cities and the sea." So Perth, located on the edge of the Indian Ocean, is a superb location for a conference on maritime history.

Papers will be welcome on a wide range of research areas reflecting people and their activities and interest in, on, around and under the waters of the world.

Proposal details

Deadline is 31 October 2015

Participants are invited to submit a short proposal in English (maximum 350 words) indicating the scope of their intended panel or paper, together with a short biographical note.

Please email your abstract to ICMH7@murdoch.edu.au For further details see www.icmh7.com.au

Papers from the Congress will be considered for publication by the International Maritime Economic History Association in the International Journal of Maritime History or in the accompanying series Research in Maritime History.

Conference: Canadian Nautical Research Society Conference

Venue: Ottawa, Canada

Dates: 11-13 June 2015

Further info: http://www.cnrs-scrn.org/admin/conf_prog_2015_e.html

Conference: International Maritime Education and Training Symposium

Venue: World Maritime University, Malmö, Sweden

Dates: May 19-20, 2015

Further info: <http://www.wmu.se/events/international-met-symposium-2015>

New book: Maritime Women: Global Leadership

Edited by: Momoko Kitada, Erin Williams, and Lisa Loloma Froholdt

Publisher: Springer

Further info: <http://wmu.se/publications/maritime-women-global-leadership>

Resource: UNCTAD 2015 World fleet data online

The world fleet by flag of registration and vessel type, 1980-2015.

Source: Clarksons.

Available at: <http://stats.unctad.org/fleet>

CFP: Ocean of Law: Intermixed Legal Systems across the Indian Ocean World, 1550-1950

Venue: Leiden University, the Netherlands

Dates: 7-9 December, 2015

A sixteenth-century Arabic legal text, Ibn Hajar al-Haytami's *Tuḥfat al-Muḥtāj* travelled from the Middle East, via South Asia to Southeast Asia. It was used in the Muslim legal circles as well as in the colonial courts of British India and the Dutch East Indies. It was "translated" into Javanese (*Kitab Toehpah*), which was retranslated into Dutch and was interpreted by some colonial lawyers as a legal code of Javanese origin. It was taught in the traditional religious institutions and, eventually, at Leiden University for future colonial officials studying the Javanese language, who referred to it as the 'Corpus Juris Javanum'. This journey of the *Tuhfat* is only one example of, first, how legal ideas and texts travelled across borders and, second, how these ideas shaped the legal traditions and systems encountered during their journey. These moments of interaction reveal how legal cultures negotiated, influenced, and conflicted each other. They also show how information and legal systems were reconstructed. Over centuries, intermixed legal systems evolved across the Indian Ocean world creating an ocean of law.

Legal history in connection with the Indian Ocean world is relatively a new field. Recent work by many scholars in this area has added value to the cultural history of such regions as South, Southeast and East Asia, and the Middle East and of the workings of imperial and colonial structures. Interdisciplinary research and cooperation of scholars working on early-modern and modern history of the broader Indian Ocean world help trace back the journeys of legal ideas and to

reconstruct these legal histories. This conference will provide a platform for scholars to discuss and share their work. We will address questions such as: how were legal systems formed regionally through interactions? To what extent did law play a role in the shaping of societal, multi-cultural or maritime settlements, and of empires and colonial states in general? How did law function in the cosmopolitan communities and how did the legal systems influence each other?

From the context of existing historiography related to legal pluralism, spatialization of law, movement of ideas, information networks, and cultural brokerage, the main themes of the conference would be:

- Religious and secular laws
- Colonial and non-colonial laws
- Legal institutions
- Micro and macro legal systems
- Relationships between theory and practice of law

We welcome a range of contributions about the cultural mechanisms of law in the Indian Ocean world. We aim this to be an interdisciplinary platform and therefore invite papers from historians, anthropologists, legal scholars and others whose research is related to the Indian Ocean legal world. We also invite papers focussing on various regions of the Indian Ocean rim from East Africa to East Asia in order to put together panels comprising of scholars working on different regions, time-periods, and themes for discussing the connections and comparisons in legal cultures. However, we intend to limit the approaches into a cultural historical perspective to understand how law played a role in the cultural formations and transformations.

Abstracts of 500 words are due by 10 June, 2015 and should be sent to oceanoflaw@gmail.com.

For more details, please visit the conference-website:
<http://www.hum.leiden.edu/history/ocean-of-law/>

Call for Papers Maritime East Anglia—Past, Present, Future

Maritime Heritage East, in collaboration with the History department at the University Campus Suffolk, announces this CALL FOR PAPERS for a one-day conference on Maritime East Anglia—Past, Present, Future to be held on Saturday 21 May 2016 at UCS in Ipswich, UK.

The sea and the seaside have long been a defining feature of East Anglian life. Its long coastline has fostered industry, encouraged scientific and technological innovation and played a role in defining East Anglian identities. Yet for many in East Anglia, Great Britain and beyond, the region is not primarily associated with its maritime existence. By calling together scholars, professionals and enthusiasts for a one-day conference on the topic, the organisers hope to examine and understand better the historical legacy, present reality and future prospects of maritime East Anglia. The maritime past, present and future of East Anglia is a vast topic and by calling for papers on this broad topic the organisers have the common goal of opening a wider debate on this often neglected part of the region's life and livelihood.

The organisers seek either short 10-15 minute or longer 25-30 minute presentations from scholars and practitioners on research and practice in themes and topics touching on the maritime past, present and future of East Anglia, the organisers particularly invite researchers and professionals with research and experience of the following themes in Maritime East Anglia—Past, Present, Future:

- Maritime Trades from Past to Present
 - Fishing and Offshore industries
 - Shipbuilding and seamanship
 - Skill and Technique in Maritime Art and crafts
 - Lifesaving and Survival at Sea
 - The Resilience of East Anglia's Ports and Docks
 - Maritime East Anglia in times of War
 - Leisure and the Consumption of the Seaside
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- The Changing Face of East Anglia's Littoral and Maritime Environment
- Exceptional Individuals in Maritime East Anglian Life

The organisers invite interested scholars and practitioners, professional and otherwise, to submit 200-word abstracts of their presentation proposals by 12th June 2015. The organisers will review the proposals received and inform selected panelists thereafter with the final schedule for the conference circulated thereafter.

Enquiries should be directed to Des Pawson MBE, des@despawson.com

Sixth Thames Shipbuilding Symposium

Date: May 9th, 2015

Venue: Museum of London Docklands, London, UK

Program and further info:

http://www.docklandshistorygroup.org.uk/downloads/6th_shipbuilding_symposium.pdf

New publication: The Ocean in the year 1888

Publisher: Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment

Available in Swedish for free on:

<http://www.havsmiljoinstitutet.se/publikationer/havet1888>

About the IMEHA Newsletter

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All scholars who wish to make announcements to colleagues about maritime history issues are encouraged to do so through the IMEHA Newsletter. If you have news that you would like to share, please provide this by e-mail to IMEHA Executive Board Secretary René Taudal Poulsen at rtp.ino@cbs.dk

The Newsletter is also available on LinkedIn, where the IMEHA hosts a group under the name of the International Maritime Economic History Association. Scholars with an interest in the maritime world are also encouraged to sign-up for free for the LinkedIn group.

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