Indian Ocean Imaginaries

Friday 16 October 2015, 9:00 AM-6:00 PM
126 Voorhies, University of California, Davis

"Reimagining Indian Ocean Worlds" Mellon Research Initiative Symposium

9.00 AM-9.15 AM: Opening Remarks
David Biale (Director, UC Davis Humanities Institute)

Smriti Srinivas & Bettina Ng'weno
9.15 AM-11.15 AM: Panel I
Chair: Bettina Ng'weno (African American & African Studies, UC Davis)
Martha Saavedra (Center for African Studies, UCB): "Creating Space: Women's Football around the Indian Ocean"

Responses: May Ee Wong (Cultural Studies, UCD) & Chris Miller (Graduate Group in Religion, UCD)

11.15 AM-11.30 AM: Tea

11.30 AM-1.30 PM: Panel II
Chair: James Smith (Anthropology, UC Davis)
Jeremy Prestholdt (History, UCSD): "Locating the Indian Ocean: Notes on the Postcolonial Reconstitution of Space"
Nidhi Mahajan (African Studies Center & International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden): "The Coast is Not Kenya: The Mombasa Republican Council and Indian Ocean Imaginaries"
May Joseph (Global Studies, Pratt Institute): "Archipelagic Detours"

Responses: Gillian Irwin (Ethnomusicology, UCD) & Tracy Sachs (Graduate Group in Religion, UCD)

1.30-2.30 PM: Lunch

2.30-4:00 PM: Panel III
Chair: Parama Roy (English, UCD)
Polly Roberts (Worlds Arts & Cultures/Dance, UCLA): "A Saint at the Edges of Worlds: Imbrications of Identity in Indian Ocean Devotions"

Ketaki Pant (Religious Studies & Women’s and Gender Studies, Bucknell University): "A Poet’s Ocean: Merchants and the Historical Imagination in Gujarat"

Responses: Gillian Irwin (Ethnomusicology, UCD) & Tracy Sachs (Graduate Group in Religion, UCD)

4.00 PM-4.30 PM: Tea

4.30 PM-6.00 PM Roundtable
Facilitated by Neelima Jeychandran (Mellon Visiting Assistant Professor in Indian Ocean Worlds, UCD)

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