

# IRAN AND PERSIANATE CULTURE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN WORLD

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## PANEL 1

Wednesday, September 7, 9:45–11am

### ANDREW PEACOCK

*University of St Andrews*

The Persianate and Indian Ocean Worlds: Preliminary Considerations

### MARK HORTON

*Royal Agricultural University*

The Persian Element in early East African history; myth or reality

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## COFFEE BREAK

11–11:30am

## PANEL 2

11:30am–12:45pm

### PERSIANISATION AND ISLAMISATION

### JOST GIPPERT

*University of Hamburg*

The role of Iran in the Islamicisation of the Maldives

### ALEXANDER WAIN

*University of St Andrews*

Traditional Malay Conversion Narratives as Imagined History:  
Identity Construction and Persian Cultural Influence in Early Islamic Southeast Asia

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## LUNCH

12:45–2pm

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## PANEL 3

2-3:15pm

### THE INDIAN OCEAN IN PERSIANATE ART AND ARCHITECTURE

#### YUSEN YU

*University of St Andrews*

Shirazi Architects at Home

#### VIVEK GUPTA

*University of Cambridge*

Picturing Indian Ocean Wonders: Anthology, Geography, and Cosmography in Eighteenth-Century Kashmir, St Andrews Ms32(o)

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## TEA BREAK

3:15-4pm

Viewing of MSS 32(O) and 28 (O) 'Aja'ib al-Makhlūqat and Shahnama

## PANEL 4

Thursday, September 8, 9:30-10:45am

### COMMERCIAL RELATIONS ACROSS THE INDIAN OCEAN

#### SETH PRIESTMAN AND DEREK KENNET

*Durham University*

Sasanian Commercial Expansion in the Indian Ocean? - The Archaeological Evidence

#### ELIZABETH LAMBOURN AND ARLO GRIFFITHS

*De Montfort University, École française d'extrême-orient*

Tracing Persianate Trade Networks in Ninth and Tenth Century Kerala and Java

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## COFFEE BREAK

10:45-11:15am

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## PANEL 5

11:15am–12:30pm

### SOUTHEAST ASIA SEEN THROUGH NEWLY DISCOVERED PERSIAN TEXTS

#### MAJID DANESHGAR

*University of Freiburg*

Persian Shī‘ī Missionaries and Scholars in 17th-Century Southeast Asia: New Evidence

#### RAHA EBRAHIMI

The place of ‘birds of paradise’ in the elaboration of Perso-Islamic traditions in the eastern frontiers of Indonesia

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## LUNCH

12:30–2pm

## PANEL 6

2–3:15pm

### LITERARY AND TEXTUAL APPROACHES

#### JAMES WHITE

*University of Oxford*

Persian as a Language of High Culture in the Indian Ocean Arena: Two Views

#### MAIA PETROVICH

*University of Oxford*

From *Devas* to *Muwakkals*: Manifestations of Indic Gods in Persianate Works

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## TEA BREAK

3:15–4pm

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PANEL 7

4-5:15pm

## TOWARDS MODERNITY

**NILE GREEN**

*UCLA*

An Alternative to the Persianate: Emic Conceptions of Indian Ocean History in a Neglected Urdu Classic

**HOUCANG E. CHEHABI**

*Boston University*

Reza Shah's Exile in Mauritius



*Wine Drinking in a Spring Garden. 57.51.24, MET*