Rāḥē najāt (The path of salvation): 
Religious and social dynamics amongst mercantile communities of the western Indian Ocean

Organizers: Iqbal Akhtar and Steven Vose

0830-0900  Breakfast

0900-1000  Medieval Panel

The Visual Culture of Premodern Western Indian Ocean Trade
*Frederick M. Asher, University of Minnesota*

Tracing the religious lives of merchants in pre-modern India: The patronage of the Vallabha Sampradāya by the Gujarati mercantile communities of Mughal India
*Shandip Saha, Athabasca University*

1000-1015  Coffee Break

1015-1145  Early Modern and Colonial Panel

The Mosque in a Land of Temples: Muslim Trading Communities on the medieval Malabar Coast
*Sebastian R. Prange, University of British Columbia*

Negotiating Ismaili Identity and Privilege in British colonial Tanzania, 1920-1957
*Alia Paroo, Texas A&M International University*

The curious case of Lala, and the furious face of Nana:
The travails of the merchant Jotee Persaud in mid 19th century India
*Amit Ranjan, Florida International University*

1145-1300  Lunch

1300-1545  Postcolonial Panel

Struggling with History and Arab Tribalization: The Reconfiguration of the Khoja in Post-Nationalist Muscat, Oman
*Amal Sachedina, Brown University*

The Politics of Marginality: An Ethnographic Exploration of Vulnerability, Possibilities, and Strategies among People of Indian Origin Living in Tanzania
Cecil Marie Schou Pallesen, Aarhus University

Deconstruction of the Ethno-Linguistic Praxis of the Khoja Diaspora: A Post-colonial Perspective
Sarah Syed Kazmi, University of Karachi

(Re)making Identities and (Un)making Regions: Probing Diasporic Mobility in the Indian Ocean Region
Khatija Khader, Jawaharlal Nehru University

A typographical analysis of the Khōjkī script and development of a new font
Juan Bruce, University of Reading

1545-1600 Coffee Break

1600-1700 Roundtable Discussion: The Future of the African Khōjā in the Western Diaspora

Liyakat Takim, McMaster University
Hasnain Walji. The World Federation