

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
2015 WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN STUDIES WORKSHOP
Friday 13 November 2015

Rāhē 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