

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 Chronicle of Light: Khōjā cosmology in the periphery of Indic Islam  
*Iqbal Akhtar, Florida International University*

1145-1300 Lunch

1300-1500 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*

1500-1515 Coffee Break

1530-1700 Roundtable Discussion: The Future of the African Khōjā in the Western Diaspora

*Liyakat Takim, McMaster University*

*Hasnain Walji, The World Federation*

*Iqbal Surani, Le Centre d'Études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud*

*Ludovic Gandelot, Le Centre d'Études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud*

1830-2000 Dinner