

Workshop: Shifting the Meaning: Time, Space, Connectivity and its Challenges in the
Western Indian Ocean

Centre for Modern Oriental Studies (CMOS), Berlin, 21.-23. May 2007

Monday, 21.5.2007

9.00: Welcome Address, Introductory Notes: Kai Kresse and Scott Reese

Introduction of Participants

9.15-10.45 First Session: Movement Across the Ocean?

Edward Simpson, Goldsmiths College, London: Changing Perspectives on Travel and Belonging in Western India

Katrin Bromber, CMOS: The Indian Ocean without Limits?

Discussant: David Parkin (Oxford University); Chair: Hassan Mwakimako, CMOS

10.45: Coffee Break

11.15-13.15 Second Session: Time and Space Revisited

Gerard van de Bruinhorst, The African Studies Centre, Leiden: “Kwanini tuisali Iddi siku moja”: Umma and Nation-State Contested in Tanzanian Id al-Hajj Celebrations

Kai Kresse, CMOS: Shifts of Meaning; the Dynamics of Self-Perception, Knowledge and Practice for Muslims in Coastal Kenya

Anne Bang, University of Bergen: South of the Border, East of the Sun. Preliminary Notes on a Study of the Network of Islamic Teachers in the South-Western Indian Ocean

Discussant: Roman Loimeier (CMOS); Chair: Scott Reese (North Arizona University, Flagstaff)

13.15-14.30: Lunch Break

14.30-16.30 Third Session: Islamic Institutions

Elke Stockreiter, SOAS, London: Rethinking Gender and Islamic Law on the Swahili Coast: Muslim Judges and the Institution of Marriage in Colonial Zanzibar

Scott Reese: Bureaucrats and Scholars: Re-Imagining Social and Religious Authority in Colonial Aden

Kadara Swaleh, University of Nairobi: Mosques and Social Change: The Case Study of Malindi, Kenya

Discussant: Muhammad Qasim Zaman (Princeton); Chair: Kai Kresse (CMOS)

16.30-17.00 Coffee Break

17.00-18.00 Discussion of the Day

Chair: Hassan Mwakimako

18.30 Dinner

Tuesday, 22.5.2007

Introductory Notes: Roman Loimeier and Hassan Mwakimako

9.00-11.00 Fourth Session: Roundtable on Time and Challenges to Time

Chair: Muhammad Bakari, Fatih University, Istanbul

On the Podium: Shaykh Muhammad Msallam (Director of the Muslim World League, Kenya branch), Shaykh Muhammad Kassim (Chief Kadhi of Kenya), Dr. Issa Ziddy (Dean Faculty of Languages, State University of Zanzibar) and F.A. Sorago (Deputy to the Mufti of Zanzibar)

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-12.30: Comments by Farouk Topan, SOAS and Muhammad Bakari, Istanbul; general discussion

12.30-14.00 Lunch Break

14.00-15.30 Fifth Session: Muslim Intellectuals in the Colonial Period

Valerie Hoffman, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: Ibadhis in Oman and Zanzibar: the Impact of Local Context on a Translocal Tradition

James Brennan, SOAS: Fighting for the Sultan's Flag: Sovereignty and Decolonization in Coastal Kenya (1945-1964)

Discussant: Abdul Sheriff; Chair: Ulrike Freitag (Director ZMO)

15.30-16.00 Coffee Break

16.00-17.30 Sixth Session: Challenges of Modernity

Jeremy Prestholdt, San Diego: Thoughts on the Symbolic Discourse of Marginality in Mombasa.

Magnus Marsden, Cambridge: Transnational life and Cosmopolitanism in Northern Pakistan

Discussant: Muhammad Bakari; Chair: Anne Bang

17.30-18.30 Discussion of the Day

Chair: Roman Loimeier

18.30 Dinner

Wednesday, 23.5.2007

9.30-11.00 Seventh Session: Trans-Local Connectivities

Thomas McDow, Yale: Where Credit is Due: Zanzibar and the Limits of Indian Ocean Cosmopolitanism

Caroline Osella, SOAS: Questioning Culinary Cosmopolitanism: Differences in Kerala-Gulf Connections

Discussant: Scott Reese; Chair: Kai Kresse

11.00 -11.30: Coffee Break

11.30-12.30 Final Round of Discussions and Comments

Summary: Muhammad Qasim Zaman; Chair: Roman Loimeier;

Closing remarks: Hassan Mwakimako

12.30 Dinner

From 13.00 Departure of Participants