

# PIO: Panels and Themes

The conference begins with a panel on Early History, on the distant past, going back to the first millennium of the Common Era. The next panel, Panel II, Trade and Exchange, explores how trade facilitated a variety of interaction, firstly in the economic sphere, subsequently, in other domains, enabling Cultural Encounters, to be discussed in Panel III.

Mobility in the Indian Ocean Region involved many peoples and multiple communities, particularly Indian Diasporic groups, the focus of Panel IV. Not forgetting imperial authorities as well as those in opposition to the latter, they are examined in Panel V. Local actors from Penang and its hinterland, their response to the colonial terrain, are also considered in Panel V.

Panel VI, the last session, brings us into the present, with an eye to the future. Current issues, the translation of challenges into the realisation of Penang's maritime and educational potential and the full exploitation of oceanic connectivities will be presented for further discussion.

## I. EARLY HISTORY

**Badriyah Haji Salleh**, Trade and Traders: Economy and Cultures between South India and the West Coast of Peninsular Malaysia

**Mohd Supian bin Sabtu**, Indian Influence and Adaptation in the Bujang Valley: A Discussion of the Temple Structure

Chair/Discussant: **Leonard Andaya**

## II. TRADE AND EXCHANGE

**Barbara Watson Andaya**, Gathering "Knowledge" in the Bay of Bengal: The Letters of John Adolphus Pope, 1785-1788"

**James Frey**, "...A Most Valuable Acquisition" – Penang & the East Indiamen: The Interaction of Ships and a City, 1786-1833

**Tomokata Kawamura**, Maritime Trade and Economic development of Penang, 1786-1830

**Wong Yee Tuan**, Chinese Mercantile Networks and Penang's Nexus of the Indian Ocean, 1820s-1890s

Chair/Discussant: **Loh Wei Leng**

## III. CULTURAL FLOWS AND ENCOUNTERS

**D.R.M. Irving**, The British Historiography of Malay Music in the Nineteenth Century

**Andrew Jarvis**, 'Fugitive images': Penang and the Indian Ocean, c.1840-1867

**Christina Skott**, Climate, ecology and cultivation in early Penang

Chair/Discussant: **C.A. Bayly**

## IV. INDIAN DIASPORAS

**Jayati Bhattacharya**, Collaborations and Contestations: The South Asian Commercial Networks in Penang in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

**Rathi Menon**, Assimilation and Acculturation of Malayali Diaspora in Penang

**Khoo Salma Nasution**, Tamil Muslims in the Penang Port

**Lakshmi Subramanian**, Exploring connected histories through circulation and migration: the Tamil factor in Southeast Asia

Chair/Discussant: **Sunil Amrith**

## V. LAW, AUTHORITY AND MODERNITY

**Simon Layton**, Authority beyond the Ganges: The Politics of Predation on a Maritime Frontier

**V.L. Forbes**, Ensuring Safe Passage to and from the Prince of Wales' Island: An Historical Perspective 'English Penang', 1786-1846

**Rachel Leow**, Being Modern in Penang: The Story of Muhammad bin Hanif

**Michael J. Montesano**, Penang as an Andaman Littoral Social Model in the Mid-Twentieth Century

Chair/Discussant: **T.N. Harper**

## VI. CENPRIS OCEAN RESEARCH

**Azhari-Karim**, Introduction to the CenPris Ocean Research Cluster – ORES

**Hans-Dieter Evers & Sezali Mhd Darit**, The Maritime Potential of Penang

**Hans-Dieter Evers & Solvay Gerke**, Looking East, Looking West: Penang as a Knowledge Hub

Chair/Discussant: **V.L. Forbes**