

UTS:IOSARN SYMPOSIUM & POSTGRADUATE WORKSHOP CALL FOR PAPERS

The **Indian Ocean and South Asia Research Network** is pleased to announce a workshop session for postgraduate, post doctoral and early career researchers as part of the programme of the following symposium:



ISLAND CONNECTIONS:

Networks, Labour & Culture Across Oceans & Empires.

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This international symposium will explore connections and cultures over two oceans and across two empires, the British and the French. The focus will be on colonized and subaltern peoples, who were remaking cultures and making connections which were far beyond those which their colonizers had authorised or intended. It will focus attention on the new cultures formed by transported, indentured and seafaring peoples as they made new connections between colonies and across oceans.

27th October, 10 AM – 5 PM

Mary Ann House, 645 Harris Street, Ultimo (Conference Room, Level 3)

PROGRAMME:

SESSION 1: Australian-Mauritius Connections

- Lynette Russell (Director Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies, Monash) on 19th century Aboriginal seafarers on Mauritius
- Heather Goodall (UTS): Aboriginal Politics and Mauritian Connection: Fred Maynard, Thomas and Shadrack James

SESSION 2: Unfree Labour: Indenture and Empire

Speakers

- Richard B. Allen (Framingham College, US) on British Empire Indenture in India and Mauritius
- Brij Lal (ANU) on Indian Indenture Across the Oceans: Indian communities across the King Sugar colonies in the Caribbean & Fiji
- James Bradley (University of Melbourne) on Mauritian convicts in Australia

SESSION 3: Cultures across Oceans

- Srilata Ravi (UWA) on Island cultures in Mauritius and Reunion
- Stephen Muecke (UNSW) on French Colonialism in the Indian and the Pacific Oceans
- Reena Dobson (UWS) on Mauritius

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Postgraduate, post doctoral and early career researchers are invited to submit papers for the postgraduate workshop (Mon, 26th Oct., morning) which is seeking to open up new perspectives on the **themes of circulation and communication between colonized peoples in the Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean empires**. In this mentoring session senior and international speakers who are speaking at the symposium will listen to and discuss your work.

If you feel your paper would fit specifically into one of the symposium sessions, please specify this in your expression of interest. Otherwise postgraduate papers are scheduled for the Monday mentoring workshop, but all workshop participants are encouraged to participate in the discussions that evolve during the symposium.

WORKSHOP FORMAT:

Places are limited, register your interest asap. Participants will have the opportunity to present a paper of 20 minutes length with 15 minutes time for discussion of their topic.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

IOSARN can support successful applicants who are coming from outside of Sydney or from interstate with AUD \$250 travel subsidies.

SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE:

Please send your paper proposal (200 words) including an application for financial support to:

Cornelia.Betzler@uts.edu.au

Register your interest ASAP to get a place, final proposal submission deadline:

Wednesday, 7th October 2009.

Should you have any further questions, please contact the symposium convenor Heather Goodall:

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Visit the IOSARN Website: www.iosarn.com

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