**Penang and the Indian Ocean: mapping exchanges and interaction**

P Seminar Room, Trinity Hall, Cambridge  
1 – 2 July 2010

**Agenda**

**Thursday 1 July**

2.00  Coffee

2.15  Welcome  
Tim Harper, Centre for History and Economics  
Emma Rothschild, Centre for History and Economics/Harvard

2.30  Introduction  
Sunil Amrith, Birkbeck College, London

3.00  **Session I: Geographies**

Loh Wei Leng, Universiti Malaya (retired)  
‘Regions and Boundaries: Exploring the Spatial Reach of Straits Chinese Merchants of Penang in the Bay of Bengal’

Christina Skott, Cambridge  
‘Picturesque Penang: tropicality, landscape and land appropriation the early 19th century’

Andrew Jarvis, Cambridge  
‘Reframing Sri Lanka and Southeast Asia’

Commentator: Mark Frost, Hong Kong University

4.30  **Session II: Peoples**

John Slight, Cambridge  
‘The Hajj and the Indian Ocean, 1860-1940’

Kirsty Walker, Cambridge  
'Eurasian family histories: Penang and beyond'

Commentator: Chris Bayly, Cambridge

5.30  End of day one

7.00 for 7.30  Drinks and dinner, **Chetwode Room**, Trinity Hall
Friday 2 July

9.00  Coffee

9.15  Session III: Ideas

Su Lin Lewis, Cambridge
‘Patches of the World Elsewhere: Penang and the Cosmopolitan Imagination’

Rachel Leow, Cambridge
‘Dangerous words in Penang: Muhammad bin Hanif and his Kamus Politik’.

Commentator: Sumit Mandal, Humboldt, Berlin

10.30  Session IV: Concluding discussion: Penang’s Past in its Future

Tim Harper
Loh Wei Leng
Sunil Amrith

11.30  End of meeting

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