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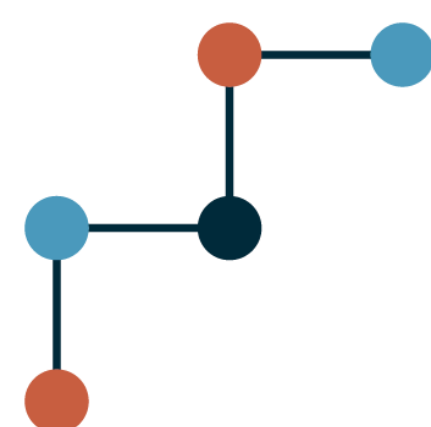
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Monday 11 May

10:00 Morning Coffee and Reception

10:30 **Roberto Zaugg** (Universität Zürich)
Welcome address

Session 1

Chair: **Monique Ligtenberg** (ETH Zürich)

10:50 **Susanna Burghartz** (Universität Basel)
Localizing Globality in Early Capitalist Basel

11:20 **Myriam Schmidt** (Universität Zürich)
For Cloves and Company: Editing the Travelogue of a Basel Colonial Mercenary Entangled in Maluku (Johann Heinrich Sulger Edition)

11:50 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

Session 2

Chair: **Debjani Bhattacharyya** (Universität Zürich)

14:30 **Manjusha Kuruppath** (Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen, Amsterdam)
GLOBALISE and Writing Histories of Archipelagic Southeast Asia

15:00 **Bondan Kanumoyoso** (Universitas Indonesia, Jakarta)
The Formation of Depok Society: Slavery, Emancipation, and Colonial Social Experiment in the 18th Century Ommelanden Batavia

15:30 Discussion

16:10 Coffee break

Session 3

Chair: **Myriam Schmidt** (Universität Zürich)

16:40 **Ni Ketut Putri Minangsari** (Balinese Legong dance performer and teacher, Jakarta)
The Origins of Legong Dance in the Context of Balinese Court Culture

17:40 Discussion

18:00 End of day one

Tuesday 12 May

Session 4

Chair: Philipp Krauer (ETH Zürich)

10:20 José Miguel Escribano Páez (Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla)
Spice Diplomacy: Global Interactions between Maluku and the Wider World in the 16th Century

10:50 Birgit Tremml-Werner (Stockholms Universitet)
Patterns of Early Modern Philippine Diplomacy

11:20 Discussion

12:00 Lunch

Session 5

Chair: Stephanie Willi (ETH Zürich)

14:00 Hans Hägerdal (Linnaeus University, Växjö-Kalmar)
Concurrent Representations of Maluku: Studying Early Modern History through Archives, Oral Traditions, and Social Sciences

14:30 Hendrik E. Niemeijer (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
Diplomatic Rituals in the Power Relations between the VOC and the Sultanates of Banten (West-Java) and Ternate (Maluku) during the Reigns of Sultan Banten Zain Al-Abidin (r. 1690-1734) and Sultan Ternate Safiudin Kaitjil Raja Laut (r. 1713-1750)

15:00 Discussion

15:40 Coffee break

Session 6

Chair: Tim Buser (Universität Basel)

16:10 Philip Hahn (Universität des Saarlandes, Saarbrücken)
A Swabian in the Moluccas: Albrecht Schmidlapp as Soldier and Slave Owner, 1618-1628

16:40 Roelof van Gelder (Independent scholar, Amsterdam)
Life on Leti: Ernst Christoph Barchewitz's Years on a Remote Island (1714-1720)

17:10 Discussion

17:50 End of day two