

Questions about both motivation and implementation of cultural exchanges are today just as topical as then. From the end of the Middle Ages onwards particularly sea shipping contributed to an increase in transcontinental contacts: Expeditions led to the discovery of new sea routes and therefore to the development of merchant and military fleets – for commercial business and territorial claims. Various factors caused the sinking of many vessels. These wrecks remain largely untouched on the seabed and left behind a historical snapshot. For scientists "closed finds" provide an optimal research base. But despite the fact that a lot of material culture of ship wrecks are known an appropriate contextualisation of these finds in aspect of reciprocal exchanges has not been done yet.

The workshop pursues the analysis of cultural changes and daily life at sea in the Early Modern Period. It wants to promote the use of material, textual and pictorial evidence as well.

Short presentations concerning the following questions provide the basis of the discussion:

1. How do cultural exchanges manifest itself in sea shipping in Early Modern Times?
2. Which archaeological evidence (social historical, logistical, nautical, ship constructional and military) can be provided in this context?
3. What aspects of continuity and/or discontinuity are identifiable both regionally and temporally?

Interested audience and discussants are very welcome. Please register your attendance by no later than 19 December 2014. Registration fee for non-speakers is 30,00 € (included all coffee breaks and lunchtime snack on the second day).

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Sea ships – evidence for cultural exchange in global historical perspective

An interdisciplinary workshop for humanities and natural sciences



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Programme

Friday, 16th January 2015

09.00 a.m.	Arrival
09.30 a.m.	Greetings (Prof. Dr. Sunhild Kleingärtner, Director of the German Maritime Museum)
09.40 a.m.	Introduction of all speakers
10.00 a.m.	Overture: "A new aspect of research? Sea ships and their significance for studies about cultural exchanges" (Dr. des. Simone Kahlow, German Maritime Museum)
10.30 a.m.	Coffee break
	Session 1: Sea shipping und navigation – Condition for global exchange in Early Modern Times (Chairman Dr. Albrecht Sauer, German Maritime Museum)
10.50 a.m.	"The Age of Global Sail: Ships, Pilots and Cosmographers" (Dr. Basil Evangelidis., Athen)
11.30 a.m.	"Cultural exchange in early modern age shipbuilding" (Anne-Kathrin Piele M.A., Berlin)
12.10 p.m.	Lunch (Café Weserblick)

13.20 p.m. "Involuntary interpreters – a system of knowledge transfer in the Portuguese expansion" (Dirk Berger M.A., Frankfurt/Oder)

Session 2: Moving Objects – Evidence for cultural exchange in Early Modern Times (Logistic, European luxury, Non-European commercial goods)
(Chairwoman Prof. Dr. Uta Halle, State Archaeology of Bremen)

14.00 p.m.	"The Lloyd's Lists – A Global Intelligence Unit?" (Stefan Geißler M.A., Heidelberg)
14.40 p.m.	"Shipping fish. Transport of perishable products" (Dr. Susan Möller-Wiering, Rendsburg)
15.20 p.m.	Coffee break
15.40 p.m.	"Plant remains from 18 th century Dutch shipwreck Vrouw Maria" (Mia Lempiäinen-Avci M.A., Turku)
16.20 p.m.	"A contribution to the study of global trade routes in the post-medieval period: Nuremberg Ware from Venetian shipwrecks in the Eastern Adriatic" (Dr. Patrick Cassitti, Bamberg)
17.00 p.m.	Expected end for the day
19.00 p.m.	Dinner onboard of the SEUTE DEERN

Saturday, 17th January 2015

Session 2: Moving Objects

(Chairwoman Prof. Dr. Uta Halle, State Archaeology of Bremen)

09.00 a.m.	"Monkeys as living commodities between Africa and Europe in the early modern period" (Dr. Alan Ross, Berlin)
09.40 a.m.	"With the Warship Kronan in the wake of Paracelsus - Archaeological finds reflecting the conception of drugs during the Swedish Great Power era" (Prof. Dr. Björn Lindeke, Stockholm)
10.20 a.m.	Coffee break
10.40 a.m.	"Asian objects in Europe" (Dr. Gerson H. Jeute, Bremen)
11.20 a.m.	"Visible and Invisible Goods. Spotting Archaeological Objects found in Shipwrecks and Transcultural Commercial Exchange from the Historian's Hinterland" (Christof Jeggler M.A., Bamberg)
12.00 p.m.	Coffee break/lunchtime snack
12.30 p.m.	Summary (Dr. des. Simone Kahlow) and final discussion
13.10 p.m.	Expected end of the workshop