

Special Seminar: The Indo-Pacific World

Programme and Abstracts

15:30-16:30 Dr Ian Glover, emeritus professor, University College London (UK)

Sa Huynh – a sociocultural type

Abstract: In this presentation, I will move away from the details of Sa Huynh archaeology and consider the type of society represented by the remains that we call the Sa Huynh Culture. To do this I will draw on comparative ethnography, history, and the sociology of what are known in western Indonesian cultural studies as *pasisir* [*pesisir*] or littoral societies.

16:30-16:45 Tea break

16:45-17:45 Dr Pierre-Yves Manguin, École Française d'Extrême-Orient, (France)

Textual, ethnographic and archaeological sources: a combined approach to Southeast Asian nautical archaeology

Abstract: For maritime historians and archaeologists, Southeast Asia benefits from an ideal location: it lies astride three major maritime realms. At the crossroads of the Indian Ocean, the South China Sea, and the Pacific, the region is populated, among others, by one ethno-linguistic group best known for its maritime expansion, the Austronesians. Over the past five thousand years, they have sailed across a maritime expanse ranging from the Chinese coasts in the North to Easter Island in the East and to Madagascar in the West; in the course of history, Malays, Javanese, Bugis – to name only the more prominent ethnic groups – have played major historical roles: they built, manned, and operated large ships with rich cargoes, and were often major agents of maritime trade networks along the Trans-Asiatic route. Austronesian shipbuilding techniques and nautical vocabulary have travelled far and wide, and interactions with Chinese and Indian nautical traditions are now well attested. Following generations of ethnographers who thrived on a rich repository of ancient shipbuilding techniques, maritime historians and archaeologists have been exceptionally active in the past decades, producing ground breaking research, based on both textual and field studies.

17:45-18:45 Dr Miguel Luque Talavan, University Complutense of Madrid (Spain)

Philippines and the Sea: transpacific communication, commerce and culture through the Manila Galleon

Abstract: In this presentation I will discuss the early Spanish and Portuguese explorations of the Pacific, the establishment of the Manila galleon trade route and the transpacific connections between the archipelago and the Americas. Special attention will be paid to communication, commerce, and cultural exchange, as well as the San Diego shipwreck.