The Institute for Comparative Literature and Society and the Center for the Study of Social Difference presents

**Bombay and Indian Ocean Urbanisms**

Heyman Center, Columbia University  
**Friday March 13, 2020**, 5:00-7:30pm  
**Saturday March 14, 2020**, 10:00am-6:00pm

Plenary Speakers:
- **Eric Tagliacozzo**, Cornell University  
- **Nancy Um**, SUNY-Binghamton University  
- **Mustansir Dalvi**, Sir JJ College of Architecture, University of Mumbai

The conference is free and open to the public.  
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Heyman Center (Second Floor Common Room), Columbia University

Schedule:
Friday, March 13

5:00-7:30pm
Plenary Session: Built Forms, Social Histories, and the Environment: The Makings of Indian Ocean Urbanisms
Discussant and Chair: Anupama Rao, Barnard History and MESAAS, Columbia University
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8:00-10:00pm Dinner at Pisticci (125 La Salle Street, New York, NY 10027)

Saturday, March 14

9:30am Breakfast at Heyman Center

10:15am-12:15 pm
Panel 1: Oceanic Urban Histories
Discussant: Debjani Bhattacharyya, Drexel University
Darren Wan, Cornell University, “Nationalist Narration and the Horizons of Anticolonial Internationalism: From Singapore to Bombay During the Japanese War”
Thomas McDow, Ohio State University, “Seeing Muscat from Bombay: Intellectual Networks of Indian Ocean Port Cities”

12:15-1:15pm Lunch

1:15pm - 3:30pm
Panel 2: Social Formations in Port Cities
Discussant: Sheetal Chhabria, Connecticut College
Michael Sugarman, University of Bristol, “Differentiating the Deserving: Water, the environment, and an Indian Ocean urbanism in Bombay and Rangoon, 1860-1941”
Radhika Gupta, Leiden Institute for Area Studies, “(Re-) scaling urbanism from the city to the community: Notes from Bombay and Dar es Salaam”

3:30pm Tea and coffee

4:00 - 5:45pm
Panel 3: Built Form and Urban Sensoria
Discussant: Abigail McGowan, University of Vermont
Urna Mukherjee, Johns Hopkins University, “The Geographical Imagination of Colonial Bombay in the 19th Century”
Tim Riding, University of York, “Company Urbanism: Colonial Failure at Bombay, 1665–1784”

5:45-6:00pm Closing Remarks

Directions:

The closest subway station to the campus is the 116th Street station on 116th Street and Broadway. This station is located on the 1 line.

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Take that ramp and walk straight ahead, past the law school on your right and Casa Italiana and the International Affairs Building on your left until you come to a short flight of steps going into the East Campus Residential Center. Take those steps, which will bring you to a security booth for East Campus Residential housing.
Show a picture ID to the guard and walk straight (north) through the courtyard. You will see the Heyman Center building in front of you.

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