

Collaborative research on the meteorological and botanical history of the Indian Ocean, 1600-1900

Meeting 5-6 December 2012



The Centre for World Environmental History (CWEH – University of Sussex) has recently received AHRC-funding for the network “*Collaborative research on the meteorological and botanical history of the Indian Ocean, 1600-1900*”. The purpose of the network is to facilitate collaborative research on the meteorological and botanical history of the Indian Ocean World (IOW).

This pioneering project will integrate the eclectic disciplines involved in the environmental history of the IOW in order to benefit research into developmental and policy issues, climatology and cultural studies of the environment. The network will also forge and strengthen engagement between non-academics and academics of various disciplines, and to develop institutional and academic partnerships in UK, Europe, India, Sri Lanka, China, Southeast Asia, Australia and East Africa. Ultimately, the network will provide a technical roadmap towards a digitisation project to facilitate wider access to the materials mentioned.

The network will convene two meetings, one in the UK in December 2012 and the other in Delhi in August 2013. These meetings will bring together academics concerned with the identification and use of historical botanical and climatic information to map the range of sources and discuss how to enhance collaborative use of the data. The first meeting is being held at University of Sussex on **5 and 6 December**.

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