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DFG-Project: Family Business: Creating a 'Maritime Contact Zone' in the Colonial Anglo-World, 1790-1840

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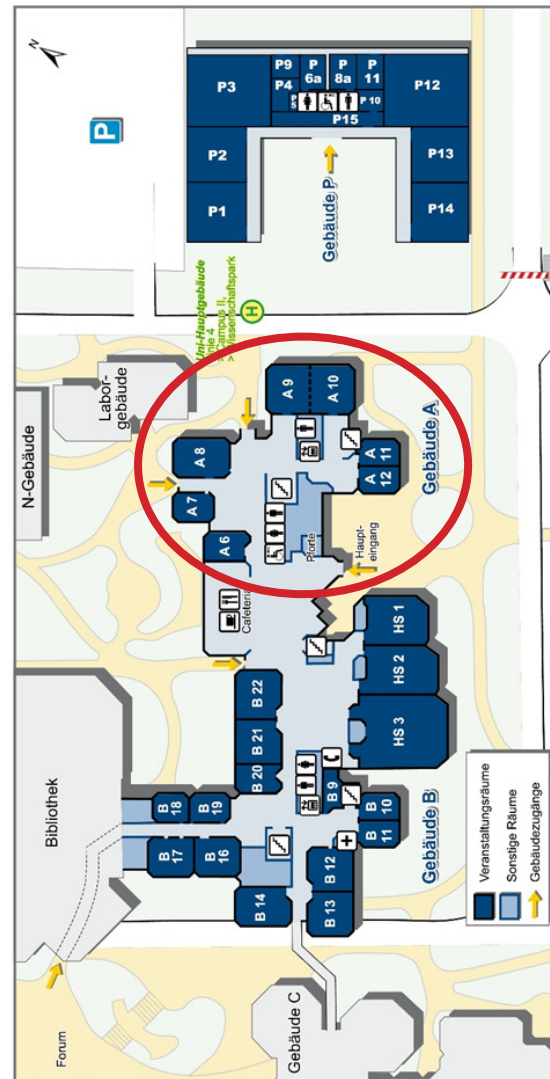


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Maritime labour practices in colonial contexts

Hybrid workshop – guests welcome



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Maritime Labour Practices

Starting with Marcus Rediker's and Peter Linebaugh's *Many headed Hydra* (2000), the past decades have brought a number of scholarships and disciplines to analyze the diverse maritime working conditions across Time, Oceans, and Globe. The emerging field of Global and Maritime History demonstrated the mobility and importance of those, who, crucially, filled the ships.

Depending on the purpose of the voyage, working and living circumstances at sea changed and differed dramatically. The diverse purposes of voyages influenced the socialization and consistency of the crew, as they were isolated from mainland systems of society, government, work, and leisure.

For several years, a pelagic-whaling ship, which required frequent stopovers, had different necessities as a trade ship. Both the composition of a crew and the hierarchies of a Convict ship might have been different, compared to a Royal Navy Ship. These different circumstances mirrored in the wage-system too. Facing a several-year absence from home and family, whalers needed a payment in advance to sustain their families. Ships on the American continent became places of hope for slaves who were escaping.

The purpose of this workshop is to highlight and reveal these different conditions and to bring together scholars from diverse disciplines and areas to engage in a dialogue about the results of their research.

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<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=19513a5d13964a48aa9d00973c8a9674#>. [Last Access: 24.04.2023]



Friday, 19 May

15.30 **Opening**

Greetings and Introduction

15.45 **Keynote 1**

Chair: *Haureh Hussein (Trier University)*

Valerie Burton (Memorial University of Newfoundland)

Working Towards Inclusion in the Historical Understanding of British/Imperial Maritime Labour Records

16.45 **Coffee Break**

17.00 **Panel 1: Labour and Migration – Ships as Maritime Infrastructures of Empires**

Chair: *Eva Bischoff (Trier University)*

Lena Moser (University of Tübingen)

**“The master is supposed to be master of the subject”:
The division of labour between commissioned officers and masters in the eighteenth-century Royal Navy**

Louise Thatcher (University of Potsdam)

Who Pays the Fines? Chinese Intermediaries in the Prevention and Facilitation of Desertion to Australia

Simon Karstens (Trier University)

Commentary

Questions and Discussion

19.15 **Dinner**

Saturday, 20 May

9.00 **Morning coffee and tea**

9.30 **Panel 2: From Ports and Seas – Maritime Economies and Societies**

Chair: *Louise Thatcher (University of Potsdam)*

Jared Davidson (Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington)

From crew to the chain gang: seamen-as-prison labourers in nineteenth century New Zealand

Felix Schürmann (MIASA – University of Ghana)

Commentary

Questions and Discussion

10.20 **Coffee Break**

10.40 **Keynote 2**

Chair: *Eva Bischoff (Trier University)*

Ravi Ahuja (Georg-August University Göttingen)

Industrial “cyclopes” and “native” stokers: British steam shipping and the attractions of “racial management” (c. 1880-1930)

11.55 **Lunch**

13.45 **Panel 3: Conditions of Maritime Labour**

Chair: *Lena Moser (University of Tübingen)*

Christiaan van Bochove (Utrecht University)

Ton van Velzen (Dutch National Archives (retired))

The Dutch East India Company and financial innovation: Developing a credit instrument for seafarers

Haureh Hussein (Trier University)

Kidnapping whalers and destroying grogshops – The transoceanic whaling industry in Aotearoa/New Zealand in the 1830s

Eva Bischoff (Trier University)

Commentary

Questions and Discussion

14.50 **Final Discussion and Feedback**