

International Conference on  
**Asian Piracy in Historical Perspective**  
亞洲海盜歷史研究國際學術研究會

Dates: 25-26 November 2010

Times: 9:00-12:30 and 14:00 -17:30 each day

Venue: University of Macau, Luso-Chinese Building  
(Room L105)

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Department of History (FSH),  
University of Macau,  
in collaboration with the  
Asian Piracy Network





# Program

## Wednesday, 24 November

Arrival in Macau and check-in at the Regency Hotel.  
(For details, please refer to “Logistics” on conference webpage.)

## Thursday, 25 November

6:00 – 8:30 am.

Breakfast at Hotel (included).

8:30 am.

Participants gather in the Hotel Lobby.

(Students will pick everyone up and take them to the conference site on campus.)

9:00 – 9:30 am.

Conference Registration and Group Photograph at venue.

Opening Remarks by **Professor Paul Van Dyke**, Head, Department of History,  
University of Macau.

9:30 – 10:30 am.

Keynote Address

**Michael Pearson:**

***‘TREMENDOUS DAMAGE’ OR ‘MERE PINPRICKS’: THE COSTS OF PIRACY***

Introduced and chaired by Sebastian Prange

10:30 – 11:00 am.

Coffee break

11:00 am – 12:30 pm.

**PANEL 1: PERCEPTIONS AND THEORIES OF PIRACY IN ASIAN WATERS**

*Chaired by Sebastian Prange*

Charles Wheeler: *Perceptions of Ethnicity and Criminality of Eighteenth Century South China Sea Pirates*

Robert J. Antony: *Bloodthirsty Pirates? Violence and Terror on the South China Sea in Modern Times*

Akiko Sugiyama: *Women, Gender, and Pirates in Southeast Asia in Historical Perspective*

12:30 – 2:00 pm.

Lunch (included)

2:00 – 3:30 pm.

**PANEL 2: LEGALITIES AND PRACTICES OF MARITIME VIOLENCE IN THE WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN**

*Chaired by Michael Pearson*

Sebastian R. Prange: *The Contested Sea: Maritime Conflict in the Pre-Modern Indian Ocean*

Patricia Risso: *The Hostage Business: Pirates and their Adversaries in Western India, c. 1700*

Giancarlo Casale: *Ottoman Corsairs and the Transformation of Ship-Building Technology in the Early Modern Indian Ocean*

3:30 – 4:00 pm.

Coffee break

4:00 – 5:30 pm.

**PANEL 3: PIRATE COMMUNITIES AND THEIR “CRIMINAL” NETWORKS**

*Chaired by Robert Antony*

Dahpon D. Ho: *A Criminal Coast: Fujian, 1633-1683*

Liu Ping: *Piracy in Zhejiang in the Mid-Qing Dynasty*

Atsushi Ota: *Piracy and Sea People in Karimata Sea, 1780-1820*

5:45 pm.

Meet to take transport to Coloane Island for dinner.

6:30 – 9:30 pm.

Dinner on Coloane Island (included).

**Friday, 26 November**

6:00 – 8:30 am.

Breakfast at the Hotel (included).

8:30 am.

Participants gather in the Hotel Lobby.

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9:00 – 10:15 am.

**PANEL 4a: ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL EXPANSIONS OF PIRACY, c. 1540-1683**

*Chaired by Charles Wheeler*

Adam Clulow: *Piracy and Privateering in Japan’s Maritime Century, 1540-1640*

Maria G. Petrucci: *The Silver Thread of Japanese Piracy in the Age of Economic Expansion, 1550-1640*

10:15 – 10:45 am.

Coffee break

10:45 am – 12:00 pm.

**PANEL 4b: ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL EXPANSIONS OF PIRACY, c. 1540-1683**

Peter Borschberg: *From Self-defence to an Instrument of War: Dutch Privateering around the Malay Peninsula in the Early Seventeenth Century*

Li Qingxin: *Pirates of the Western Guangdong in the Ming-Qing Transition, 1628-1683*

12:00 – 1:30 pm.

Lunch (included)

1:30 – 3:00 pm.

**PANEL 5: MARITIME VIOLENCE AND THE IMPACT OF EUROPEAN IMPERIALISM**

*Chaired by Patricia Risso*

Simon Layton: *Suppressing the 'Gift of Krishna': India, Piracy, and the Littoral Politics of Empire*

Hideaki Suzuki: *Slave Raiders, Plantation, Anti-slave trade Patrol in the West Indian Ocean, c. 1820-1860*

Joseph á Campo: *Piracy and its Suppression in the Moluccas, 19th century*

3:00 – 3:30 pm.

Coffee break

3:30 – 5:00 pm.

**CONCLUDING ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

*Chaired by Akiko Sugiyama*

M. Pearson, R. Antony, C. Wheeler, Participants, and Audience.

**Saturday, 27 November**

9:00am - 12:30 pm.

Guided tour of old Macau (offered by the Macau Government Tourist Office).

*Attendance needs to be confirmed with Robert Antony*



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## Participants

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