

An der Universität Heidelberg fand vom 31.8. bis 3.9.1989 ein internationales Symposium **Entrepreneurs, Emporia and Commodities in Asian Maritime Trade, 15th to 18th Centuries** statt; es wurde von Prof. Dr. Roderich Ptak und Prof. Dr. Dietmar Rothermund in Zusammenarbeit mit dem Internationalen Wissenschaftsforum der Universität Heidelberg veranstaltet und von der Stiftung Volkswagenwerk gefördert.

Zu den drei Themenbereichen wurden die folgenden papers vorgetragen:

Emporia:

D. Rothermund, "Asian Emporia and European Bridgeheads"; Chang Pin-tsun, "The First Chinese Diaspora in Southeast Asia in the Fifteenth Century"; O. Feldbaek, "No Ship for Tranquebar for Twenty-Nine Years. Or: The Art of Survival of a Mid-Seventeenth Century European Settlement in India"; J.E. Wills, Jr., "China's Farther Shores: Continuities and Changes in the Destination Ports of China's Maritime Trade, 1680-1690".

Commodities:

Om Prakash, "Restrictive Trading Regimes, VOC and the Asian Spice Trade in the 17th Century"; T.O. Höllmann, "Formosa and the Trade in Venison and Deer Skin during the 17th Century"; L.W. Nagtegaal, "Some Snakes like Salt: Trade in Salt in Southeast Asia, 1670-1830"; Chang Tseng-hsin, "Commodities Imported into the Zhang-zhou Region of Fu-jian, China, during the late Ming Period - A Comparative and Analytical Study"; H. Ray, "Bengal's Textile Products Involved in Ming Trade during Zheng He's Voyages to the Indian Ocean (Western Ocean) and Identification of the Hitherto Undeciphered Textiles"; R. Ptak, "China and the Trade in Tortoise-Shell (Sung to Ming Periods)"; H.U. Vogel, "Cowrie Trade and Its Role in the Economy of Southwest China, 9th to 17th Centuries"; L. Blussé, "In Praise of Commodities: An Essay on the Crosscultural Trade in Edible Birdsnests"; G.B. Souza, "Ballast Goods: Comments on China's Maritime Trade in Zinc and Sugar in the 17th and 18th Centuries".

Entrepreneurs:

T.K. Raychaudhuri, "The Commercial Entrepreneur in Pre-Colonial India: Aspirations and Expectations"; A. Das Gupta, "Changing Faces of the Maritime Merchant"; K.S. Mathew, "Local Merchants and the Indo-Portuguese Trade in the Sixteenth Century: A Case Study of Khwaja Shams-ud-din Giloni"; A. Disney, "The Viceroy as Entrepreneur: The Count of Linhares at Goa in the 1630's"; S. Subrahmanyam, "An Augsburg in Asia Portuguesa: Further Light on the Commercial World of Ferdinand Cron, 1587-1624"; J. van Goor, "Merchant in Royal Service: Constant Phaulkon as Phraklang in Ayuthaya, 1683-1688"; S. Arasaratnam, "Merchants of Coromandel in Trade and Entrepreneurship, circa 1650-1700"; H.J. Leue, "Some Remarks on the 'Letter written by Monsieur de La Bourdonnais (1693-1735) to Monsieur de Moras Concerning the Affairs of the French Company in the East Indies, 1733'"; Ng Chin-Keong, "The Case of Chen Yilao - Maritime Trade and Overseas Chinese in Qing Policies, 1717-1753".