**LAND AND MARITIME EMPIRES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN**

**Tuesday 4 December 2018 from 6-8 pm**  
**Room G22  Woburn Suite, Senate House, Malet Street, London  WC1E 7HU**

6-7 pm Panel discussion:  
Professor John Mack (University of East Anglia)  
Professor William Gervase-Smith (School of Oriental & African Studies)  
Professor Beatrice Nicolini (Catholic University of Milan)  
Dr Shihan de Silva (School of Advanced Study)

7-8 pm Wine Reception

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Today the history of the Indian Ocean has gained a renewed interest. Its history reminds us of vast traversals and forces us to re-think how the processes of encounters operate. Many stories remain untold within this cosmopolitan interregional arena. The rationale for this book is to reshape understanding of Africa and Asia. Land and Maritime Empires in the Indian Ocean, from a variety of methodological perspectives and diverse themes and cultures, underpins the collection of research studies in the book. The authors have re-examined the role of Indian Ocean History without adhering to definitions used in traditional politics and international relations.

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