CFP for Symposium on Traffic, Territory, Citizenship in Asia & the Americas

The Binghamton University Citizenship, Rights, and Cultural Belonging (CRCB) Transdisciplinary Area of Excellence will host a two-day symposium on “Traffic, Territory, Citizenship: Framing the Circulation of People and Goods between Asia and the Americas in the Long 19th Century” on April 15-16, 2016, at the University’s Downtown Center.

For the symposium, we seek proposals on new approaches to the circulation and interchange of people and goods between Asia and the Americas during the long nineteenth century. Open to scholars from any discipline, the symposium’s format will combine sessions organized around questions drawn from participants’ research with presentations on primary sources. In addition to discussion and feedback on their research, participants will also collectively produce a digitally-annotated bibliography of relevant scholarship and a digital archive of primary sources – both to be published online as an integrated exhibit to spur future research and support teaching on the workshop’s themes.

The symposium will feature two keynote sessions, led by guest senior scholars Madhavi Kale (Bryn Mawr College), an expert on Indian indentured labor migration and domesticity, and Robert Hellyer (Wake Forest University), a specialist on international trade in Japan and the global tea trade.

Proposals should include a title, an abstract (250 words maximum), a description of the proposed primary source for the digital archive, and a brief (1p.) biography or CV. Please send proposals via e-mail to traffic@binghamton.edu by Thursday, December 31, 2015; individuals will be notified of decisions no later than January 31, 2016.

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