Center for Indic Studies Seminar

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Time: 12 - 1PM
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Speaker: Dr. Timothy Walker
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“The Dissemination of Drugs and Healing Techniques from Asia throughout the Portuguese Maritime Empire, 1670-1830”

Abstract: This talk will discuss the methods and effect of the dissemination throughout the Portuguese maritime colonial network of medicinal substances and healing techniques originating in Asia. It will focus particular analysis on consignments of medicines shipped from Goa, the administrative capital of the Estado de India, and Macau in China, to such destinations as Timor, Mozambique, Brazil and Continental Portugal. The talk will demonstrate that Asian medicinal preparations and healing techniques became widely known in Portuguese-controlled enclaves in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, far from their indigenous roots, and were fully incorporated into the lexicon of tropical medicine in the Lusophone colonies.

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