

Call for Papers 2017

Diversity, community, cooperation: Cultural Intersections in the IOR

The Indian Ocean region, which comprises various countries of Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Australia, has a high cultural diversity and a long history of human mobility. It has created societies from the early ages, by traditional trade, international migration, the spread of religion, and cultural exchanges and interactions. The region has facilitated a long history of connections and interactions that led to cultural diversity, exchanges, adoption, and adaptation.

It is a regional treasure which has great potential to be developed as a modality to create dialogue of mutual understanding. The cultural diversity of the Indian Ocean region can become the foundation of harmony through acculturation and assimilation. In order to build regional cooperation, the cultural richness of the Indian Ocean can be the base to improve cultural diplomacy.

On the other hand, cultural diversity can also be a potential conflict within the Indian Ocean region. For example, colonialism created state borders which not only limit it geographically, but also culturally. Furthermore, colonial society had also created social stratification and economic dualism. The Indian Ocean region has great potential to build multicultural society, but it depends on how each country can manage multiculturalism and reduce cultural differences.

The journal welcomes papers that explore the theme of cultural intersections in the Indian Ocean region for a themed edition due for publication in November 2017.

Topics of relevance include (but are not limited to):

- Maritime communities
- Networks and diasporas
- History of maritime culture
- Norm-building in the region
- Culture and religion
- Culture and politics
- Multiculturalism
- Maritime economic culture

- Culture and women's empowerment
- Culture and gender equality
- Tourism and cultural exchanges

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Cultural Intersections in the IOR**

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The journal seeks research articles, discussion papers, policy papers and book reviews on major Indian Ocean issues such as: regional geopolitics; resource exploitation; maritime jurisdiction, coastal management, ocean laws, maritime security; human and environmental security; human trade and cooperation. Interstate relations and non-traditional security threats thus constitute the substantive, but not necessarily exclusive, contents of the *JIOR*.