

Conference Programme

Wednesday, 5 November

Venue: Seaplane Harbour, Vesilennuki 6

17:00 – Opportunity to visit the exhibition “Famous Sea Voyages: The Broadening Horizons of Europeans” (independent visit)

18:00 – Opening remarks

18:15 – Public Talk

Richard Dunn (Science Museum, London)

There and back again: How navigation at sea did (and didn't) change after the longitude problem was 'solved'

19:30 – Welcome reception

Thursday, 6 November

Venue: Tallinn Teachers' House, Raekoja plats 14

09:30 – Morning coffee

10:00 – Opening remarks

10:30 – Panel 1

Leonie Stevens (Monash University, Melbourne)

“An upright man of war?": John Henry Cox, the Tasmanians and the Russians

Simon Werrett (University College London)

Care on Voyages of Exploration

11:30 – Coffee break

12:00 – Panel 2

Sylvia Tongyan Qiu (University of California, Los Angeles)

Adam Johann von Krusenstern and Maritime Transimperial Diplomacy

Feliks Gornischeff (Estonian Maritime Museum, Tallinn)

Adam Johann von Krusenstern and the Pacific Ocean

13:00 – Lunch

14:00 – Panel 3

Katherine Parker (Royal Geographical Society, London)

Delineating the watery desert: The British production of Pacific geographic knowledge in the long eighteenth century

Richard Dunn (Science Museum, London)

How to be perfectly correct: Applying new position-fixing methods on British Pacific voyages

15:00 – Coffee break

15:30 – Panel 4

Sigfrid Socher (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales / Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg)

“Havia costado tantos sudores y tantas vidas”: A social perspective on the cartographic work of the Spanish military engineer Miguel Costansó during the Portolá expedition (1768–1770)

Ingo Heidbrink (Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia)

European Sailors on American Whalers and Sealers in the Pacific – an overlooked element of European maritime exploration of the Pacific Ocean?

16:30 – Concluding discussion

17:30 – End of Day 1

Friday, 7 November

Venue: Estonian Knighthood House, Kiriku plats 1

09:30 – Morning coffee

10:00 – Panel 5

Sünne Juterczenka (University of Greifswald) - online

“The trapped ‘explorer’: Matthew Flinders’ unplanned discoveries on the Isle de France”

Karel Davids (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

Batavia as a hub in European maritime exploration of the Pacific and South-East Asia, c. 1750–1850

11:00 – Tour of the Estonian Knighthood House

11:30 – Panel 6

Adil Mansure (Harvard University)

'Knowing their ropes': the intangible heritage and corded epistemes of string figures collected along Melanesian shores

Katherine Gazzard & Hannah Cusworth (Royal Museums Greenwich, London)

Reframing the Pacific in the Queen's House, Greenwich

Rebekah Higgitt (National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh)

Collecting, researching and displaying Pacific exploration, 1750–1850, at National Museums Scotland

13:00 – Conclusion and closing remarks

13:30 – Lunch

14:30 – End of conference

*The organisers reserve the right to make changes to the programme if necessary.

*The conference will be held in English and is open to all interested participants.

Conference Tickets

All tickets are valid for both conference days and include coffee breaks.

Conference ticket (includes lunch on both days):

- Regular: €55
- Discounted (students, members of the Estonian Museum Association, general education teachers): €35

Conference ticket without lunch:

- Regular: €40
- Discounted (students, members of the Estonian Museum Association, general education teachers): €20

***The closing date for registration is 27.10.2025**

Registration

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