



INDOWS International Symposium

The Development Century in the Indian Ocean World

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Auditorium, Building 18, Komaba Campus,
The University of Tokyo

Program Overview

Recent scholarship has revealed the Indian Ocean as a deeply interconnected world — where people, goods, and ideas have circulated for centuries. This symposium revisits "the development century" by examining how imperial and postwar interventions in science, medicine, and resource management shaped the moral and institutional foundations of global development. Through case studies from South and Southeast Asia and Africa, the symposium explores continuities and ruptures in empire and development, and the reimagining of "region" through Japan's engagements in the Indian Ocean world.



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