



– Institute's Colloquium –

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"The Seamen from Minicoy (Maliku), South-West India"

Pioneers of early globalisation

Seamen from the small island of Minicoy (locally called Maliku) work worldwide on container ships and tankers. They are honoured for their skills and developed what I would call a seamen's ethos. Until about 1500 AD Maliku belonged to the Maldives, then became a tributary of the South Indian Ali Rajas and later part of British India. Since time immemorial the Malikuns are engaged in maritime economy of various kinds and work on trading ships. They were and integral part of early, pre-colonial globalisation. Today they are organised in the Minicoy Seamen's Association with a headquarters in Mumbai. Annually they returns to Maliku and contribute to the money-order economy.

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Everybody is welcome!