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Fall 2016 — Migrations, Merchants & Refugees

Thursday, October 13th
12:40 - 2:00 pm • MUB Theater 2

Eric Tagliacozzo
Professor of History, Cornell University

Talk (open to all)
How the Spice Trade Migrations Made the World Modern

Eric Tagliacozzo is Professor of History at Cornell University, where he teaches Southeast Asian history. He is the director of Cornell's Comparative Muslim Societies Program, the director of Cornell Modern Indonesia Project, and the contributing editor of Indonesia journal.

Much of Tagliacozzo’s work has centered on the history of people, ideas, and material in motion in and around Southeast Asia, especially during the late colonial age. His first book, Secret Trades, Porous Borders: Smuggling and States Along a Southeast Asian Frontier (Yale, 2005), which won the 2007 Harry Benda Prize, examined many of these ideas by looking at the history of smuggling in the region. Tagliacozzo’s most recent book, The Longest Journey: Southeast Asians and the Pilgrimage to Mecca (Oxford, 2013), is a history of this very broad topic from earliest times to the present. He has edited or co-edited a number of other books on a variety of subjects, including the global Hajj, transnationalism in Asia, the lives of ordinary Burmese under a coercive regime, on Indonesia, Chinese trade with Southeast Asia, and Southeast Asian contacts with the Middle East. Tagliacozzo is currently working on a book about the linked maritime histories of Asia, from Yemen east to Yokohama.

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