

Preliminary Program
Workshop: Baluchi Identity and Culture
September 8--9, 2012

Saturday September 8

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Breakfast

9:00-9:20 a.m.

Welcome

Gary Libben
Vice-President, Research, Brock University

Carol Merriam
Associate Dean, Faculty of Humanities

Mark Spencer
Chair, Department of History

9:20-10:00 a.m.

Opening Remarks

The Honourable Jim Bradley, Minister of the Environment

Brian McMullan
The Mayor of St. Catharines

Ali Moussa Iye (History and Memory for Dialogue Section, UNESCO Headquarter,
Paris)
Slavery, Cultural Resistance and Common Heritage

10:00-10:15 a.m.

Coffee Break

10:15-11:50 p.m.

Session 1 - Ethnicity and Identity

Chair: Olatunji Ojo (Brock University)

Brian Spooner (University of Pennsylvania, USA)
Baloch identity in regional context

Philip Carl Salzman (McGill University, Canada)
Identity and History in Iranian Baluchistan

Carina Jahani (Uppsala University)
The Balochi Language and Languages in Iranian Balochistan

11:50-1:20 p.m.

Lunch

1:20-2:55 p.m.

Session 2 - Cultural and Healing Rituals

Chair: Jane A. McLeod (Brock University)

Farhat Sultana (Anthropologist, Pakistan)
Ethnicity and Healing Rituals in Gwadar, Balochistan

Vahe Boyajian (University of St. Andrews, UK)
From Muscat to Sarhadd: Variations of a healing ritual

George F. Rhoades (Director/Psychologist, Ola Hou Clinic, Executive Director-Roads To Hope)
“Djinnati,” A Possession State in Baloochistan, Iran

2:55-3:10 p.m.

Coffee Break

3:10-4:00 p.m.

Multiculturalism and Cultural Heritage Preservation Recommendations

Chair: Ali Moussa-Iye
Chief, History and Memory for Dialogue section, UNESCO, Paris

Gary Libben
Vice-President, Research, Brock University

Murray Knuttila
Provost and Vice-President, Academic, Brock University

4:00-4:15 p.m.

Coffee Break

4:15-4:45 p.m.

Screening – The African-Baluchi Trance Dance
Documentary by Behnaz Mirzai

4:45-5:00 p.m.

Coffee Break

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Cultural Engagement: Live Traditional Music Performance by: “Baarbad Music”

7:00-10:00 p.m.

Reception and Dinner

(Location: Alphonse’s Bistro, Brock University, north of the Thistle complex)

Sunday September 9

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Breakfast

9:00-10:35 a.m.

Session 3 - Baluchistan in the Indian Ocean World

Chair: Paul Lovejoy (Canada Research Chair in African Diaspora History, York University, Canada)

Abdulaziz Lodhi (Uppsala University, Sweden)
The Baluchi of East Africa – dynamics of assimilation and integration

Hideaki Suzuki (McGill University, Canada)
Baluchis and Baluchistan in the context of human trafficking network in the early 20th century

Joseph Mahony (Brock University)
The Slave Trade in the Persian Gulf

Behnaz A. Mirzai

10:35-10:50 a.m.

Coffee Break

10:50-12:30 p.m.

Session 4 – Diaspora and Memory

Chair: Behnaz Mirzai (Brock University)

Iraj Afshar Sistani (Author and Researcher, Iran)
Baluchi and African ethnic groups in Iranian Baluchistan

Just Boedeker (Modern Oriental Studies, Germany)
Baloch Identities - A matter of descent or mentality?

Ameem Lutfi (Duke University)
Imperial Sovereignty and Baloch Identity from the present to the past

12:30-2:00 p.m.

Lunch

2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Keynote speaker

Brian Spooner, (University of Pennsylvania, USA)
Baloch Studies after Orientalism

Photo gallery exhibition
by Behnaz Mirzai

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