Media, Felt Citizenship, and Regional Boundaries: Movement as Belonging in the Muslim Indian Ocean

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Digital media practices play key roles in cross-regional mobilities of people, goods, as well as ideas and practices such as religious traditions. Among mobile communities and societies with far-flung ties in the Indian Ocean world mediated mobilities establish rootedness as well as transoceanic connections. In this talk I focus on two such instances, Twelver Shi’i Muslims’ struggle for a right to the city in Mumbai, and the sensing of transoceanic connections among Sunni Muslims in the Creole society of Mauritius.

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