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Joseph C. Miller Memorial Lecture Series:
Shaping Old Goa: Slavery, Caste and Religion in the
Capital of the Estado da Índia (16th - 18th centuries)

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Old Goa developed as one of the major port cities of the Indian Ocean during the sixteenth century, as the Portuguese attempted to control maritime trade routes by occupying the region's major coastal settlements and blockading others. The city became both a trade emporium and a religious center for the Portuguese State of India (*Estado da Índia*), an “informal” empire that stretched from Eastern Africa to the Pacific Ocean rim. In this presentation, I will describe Old Goa's urban development during the Early Modern period, focusing on slavery, caste and religion as essential aspects in shaping the city. Addressing issues such as urban layout, segregation, sacral landscapes and dwellings, I will highlight how the most vulnerable and disenfranchised population groups fared in Old Goa's multilayered society.



Image: Linschoten, Jan Huygen van, “A ilha e cidade de Goa metropolitana da India e partes orientais que esta en 15 graos da banda do norte,” 1595; Anciens costumes coloriés : Italie, Espagne, Ecosse, Allemagne et Hollande, Pays orientaux et les Indes [1572] Reserve OR-11-PET fol. Bibliothèque nationale de France