

A historical map of the East Indies, showing the Indian subcontinent, Southeast Asia, and the surrounding oceans. The map is titled "THE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY" in large, bold, red letters. Below the title, the text "SOCIAL NETWORKS AND INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE" is written in a smaller, red font. The map itself is a detailed, hand-colored version of a historical chart, showing various islands, coastlines, and navigational lines. It includes a compass rose and a small illustration of a ship at the bottom left.

THE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY

SOCIAL NETWORKS AND INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE



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REVIEWS AND ENDORSEMENTS:

"A fresh perspective on a key aspect of the Company's development".
Journal of Maritime History

"A spectacular debut - readers will soon be won over by the author's excellence in scholarship."
American Journal of Sociology

"An essential contribution to debates on the origins of capitalism, imperialism, and globalization".
Richard Lachmann, University at Albany, State University of New York

Winner of the 2016 James Coleman Award for Outstanding Book,
Rationality and Society Section of the American Sociological Association

Winner of the 2016 Gaddis Smith International Book Prize,
MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale University

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Emily Erikson conducts research in the fields of social networks, comparative historical sociology, organizations, theory, and economic sociology. Her focus is on the role of social networks in historical and cultural change. Her book, *Between Monopoly and Free Trade: The English East India Company*, (Princeton University Press, 2014) examines the impact of social networks on the fortunes of the English East India Company and by extension the relationship between Britain and Asia.

ABOUT THE TALK:

Emily Erikson's lecture provides an answer to the historical puzzle of why the English East India Company was such a singularly dynamic force in the expansion of trade between Europe and Asia. This puzzle is particularly compelling because it is nested within the larger historical questions of why Western Europe experienced a unique trajectory of rapid economic development and how the relationship between Europe and Asia came to shift so rapidly in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

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