



## General & Higher Academic Programme

### NEW BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

#### ***The Mughals, the Portuguese and the Indian Ocean: Changing Imageries of Maritime India***

**by Pius Malekandathil**

#### **The book**

This volume explores the changing meanings that maritime India acquired during the early modern period owing to the frequent efforts of the Mughals and the Portuguese from two different fronts to control its vast resourceful enclaves and profit-yielding neighbourhoods. By analyzing the highly nuanced socio-economic processes and addressing the themes that have not been explored before, this volume creates a new framework for understanding the changing nature of maritime India.

The ten research papers in this book delve into many complexities of Indian history and try to look into a wide range of issues such as the political meanings of religious dialogues between Akbar and the Jesuits; the role of circulatory processes in the creation of south India as a region; the economic and political processes that prompted the shifting of Mughal capital from hinterland to the vicinity of the major maritime trading centres of northern Konkan; voices of dissent in Christianity and discourses on early nationalism; and the social manoeuvrings of the English.

This book will be an essential reading for students and scholars of early modern history of India in general and those studying transitions in maritime India in particular.

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