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## MAPS AND CHARTS OF SINGAPORE FROM THE ARCHIVES OF CONTINENTAL EUROPE

a talk by Dr Peter Borschberg

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Studies of the historical cartography of Singapore and Malaya have commonly been based on British and Japanese maps and charts even though the area has been a vital international maritime crossroads centuries prior to the founding of the island by Raffles in 1819. In his research on the involvement of continental European nations in Southeast Asia between the 16th and 19th centuries, Peter Borschberg has encountered rich archives of maps and other navigational illustrations on what is now Singapore from libraries and archival centres across continental Europe. Borschberg will discuss his findings and share his collection painstakingly accumulated over the past decade. Aside from their graphic and colourful designs and accounts, these illustrations are critical in revealing Singapore's global significance in the pre-Raffles era.



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