



McMaster University Presents

## The Evolution of the Cartography of the Gulf Region between the 2nd and 19th Centuries by Dr. B. J. Slot

**Wednesday, November 18, 2009  
2 p.m. Lecture, Convocation Hall,  
University Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Ben Slot is an historian and author** of numerous books and articles on Gulf history, the history of the Mediterranean and Balkan countries. His lecture at McMaster University in conjunction with The Gulf in Historic Maps (15th-19th centuries) exhibit at the Museum of Art will discuss the evolution of cartography in the Gulf region between the 2nd and 19th centuries.

The cartography of the Arabian Gulf remained primitive and inaccurate for a relatively long time. This was because of difficulties in the transfer of new knowledge, hindered by the political and economic demand of secrecy of the operations of explorers, and also because of the way the minds of scholars worked in the 16th and 17th centuries.

1:30 p.m. Reception - Convocation Hall

3:30 p.m. The Gulf in Historic Maps (15th-19th centuries) at the Museum of Art exhibit presents selected maps from the private collection of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council - Ruler of Sharjah