SPANISH MANILA: A TRANS-PACIFIC MARITIME ENTERPRISE

From 1565 to 1815, galleon ships routinely made trans-Pacific roundtrip voyages, carrying American silver (mined in Mexico and Peru) to Manila. There, the largely Hokkien traders and settlers in the Parian, Manila’s Chinatown, acted as intermediaries in the trade of American silver for Chinese silk, porcelain, spices and other precious commodities from the larger Indian Ocean and Nanyang world. Chinese and other Asian goods also made their way from Mexico across the Atlantic to Spain and Europe.

Join Dr. Evelyn Hu-DeHart, Professor of History, American Studies and Ethnic Studies at Brown University, USA, as she shares the critical role of the Parian in the establishment of the global trading system.

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