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Propositions

1. Aurangzeb's southern campaigns were part of the Mughal project of integrating the coasts with the heartland of the empire.
2. The impact of Aurangzeb's southern campaigns was differently felt across Coromandel.
3. Aurangzeb's southern campaigns reoriented the economic centres of Coromandel. Masulipatnam lost its position of a regional emporium in the Bay of Bengal and the Kaveri delta prospered.
4. The southern campaigns transformed Coromandel's economy rather than initiating its decline.
5. Exploring the links between the coasts and hinterlands is crucial to understanding histories of the early modern Indian Ocean empires of the Mughals, the Safavids, the Ottomans and the Manchus.
6. Indian Ocean maritime and overland trade networks are not different entities and cannot be treated as such.
7. There is economy in military history and military in economic history.
8. Wars have an economy of their own. Financial credit and military logistics have won and lost wars.
9. Instead of fearing archival research, a historian should make the archives fear her or him!
10. A PhD is a five-day test cricket match. It is as much an examination of academic skills as it is one of endurance and stamina.