

CURRENT TRENDS IN SLAVERY STUDIES IN BRAZIL II

CONFERENCE

JANUARY 22-24, 2025

THE BONN CENTER FOR DEPENDENCY AND SLAVERY STUDIES

hosts the Cluster of Excellence “Beyond Slavery and Freedom”, which aims to overcome the binary opposition of “slavery versus freedom”. We approach the phenomenon of slavery and other types of strong asymmetrical dependency from methodologically and theoretically distinct perspectives.

Brazilian histories of indigenous and black slaveries provide a particularly rich source for understanding dependency categories. From the 16th century onwards, indigenous people were enslaved and subjected to forced labor and political subjugation. African slaves were brought to Brazil as early as 1530, with abolition only in 1888. During those centuries, Brazil received more than 4,000,000 Africans, over four times as many as any other American destination. In the second edition of the Conference “Current Trends in Slavery Studies in Brazil”, invited speakers will provide further characterizations of historical scholarship in Brazil, focusing on new areas of study: the relationship between Church and slavery, law and slavery, and science and slavery - including recent research on labor history, as well as a comparative approach of Brazilian and African (Angolan) history.

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Please **register** for the conference **by January 15, 2025**

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Wednesday, January 22, 2025

2:00 PM

Welcome and Opening of the Conference

Session 1: Church, Theology, and Slavery

Chair: Stephan Conermann (BCDSS, University of Bonn)

2:30 – 3:30 PM

The Catholic Church's Position on the Forms of Violence in the Conquest of Land and Extraction of Labor during the Processes of Conquest and Colonization in America

Carlos Alberto Zeron
(USP, São Paulo)

3:30 – 4:30 PM

African Slavery and Natural Rights in Luso-Brazilian Moral Theology, 1680 - 1750

Renato Júnio Franco
(UFF, Niterói)

4:30 – 5:00 PM – Coffee Break

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Ultramontanes and Abolitionists: Characterizing the Role of Clergymen in Abolitionist Clubs and Circles in 19th-Century Rio Grande do Sul

Roberto Hofmeister Pich
(PUCRS, Porto Alegre)

Thursday, January 23, 2025

12:00 – 1:30 PM – Lunch Break

Session 3: Frontiers of Slavery and Dependency: Brazil and Angola

Chair: Luis Rosenfield (PUCRS, Porto Alegre)

1:30 – 2:30 PM

Historicizing Slavery in Angola

José Carlos Curto
(York University, Canada; PUCRS, Porto Alegre)

2:30 – 3:30 PM

A Twofold Asymmetrical Dependency Case: Canadian Missionaries in the Benguela's Plateau during the Portuguese Colonialism in Angola (1930-1970)

Marçal de Menezes Paredes
(PUCRS, Porto Alegre)

3:30 – 4:00 PM – Coffee Break

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Conquest, Diplomacy and Resistance: A History of the Slave Trade in Benguela 1780s-1820s and Its Impact on the Portuguese Empire

Estevam Thompson
(UnB, Brasília)

5:00 – 6:00 PM – Movie Screening
"Vagrants, Vagabonds, Immorals"

Friday, January 24, 2025

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Coffee Break

12:00 AM – 1:00 PM

"Does the Government Want to Free Black People to Put Them in Jail?": Coercion to Work, Vagrancy and Intersectionality in Post-Abolition Brazil (Rio de Janeiro 1890-1920)

Paulo Cruz Terra
(UFF, Niterói)

1:00 – 2:30 PM – Lunch Break

Session 5: Enslavement, Gender and Race

Chair: Paulo Cruz Terra (UFF, Niterói)

2:30 – 3:30 PM

Indigenous Slavery and Compulsory Labor in Colonial Rio de Janeiro

Maria Regina Celestino de Almeida
(UFF, Niterói; UNIRIO, Rio de Janeiro)

3:30 – 4:30 PM

"For All Domestic Service": Enslaved Labor and Gender in the Big Houses of the Paraíba Valley Coffee Region (Rio de Janeiro, 19th Century)

Mariana Muaze
(UNIRIO, Rio de Janeiro)

4:30 – 5:00 PM – Coffee Break

5:00 – 6:00 PM

The Baron's Joke: Race, Nation, the Crisis of Slavery and the Emergence of the Republic (Brazil, 1870-1909)

Wlamyra Albuquerque (online)
(UFBA, Salvador)

6:00 – 6:30 PM – Final Comments and Wrap Up

**7:30 PM Conference Dinner (for Speakers, Organizers
Chairs and Commentators only)**

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Session 2: Enslavements and Dependencies between Law and Science

Chair: Marçal de Menezes Paredes (PUCRS, Porto Alegre)

9:30 – 10:30 AM

The Relation between Law Schools and Enslavements in Brazil (1827-1930)

Ariel Engel Pessa
(Fundação Casa de Rui Barbosa, Rio de Janeiro)

10:30 – 11:00 AM – Coffee Break

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Genealogy of Scientism in Brazil (1870-1930): From Positivism and Evolutionism to Racial Thought and Eugenics

Luis Rosenfield
(PUCRS, Porto Alegre)

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Session 4: Slavery, Freedom and Labor History

Chair: Michael Zeuske (BCDSS, University of Bonn)

9:30 – 10:30 AM

Sailing a Hidden Atlantic: Slave Ship Crews during the Age of Abolition (1810-1850)

Diego Schibelinski
(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

10:30 – 11:30 AM

Racialized Suspicion of Autonomy: Persecution of Freed Africans Working as "Mascates" and "Pombeiros" in the Province of Rio de Janeiro (c. 1830-c. 1840)

Edilson Nunes dos Santos Junior
(UFRR, Boa Vista)