

## DEPENDENCY THEORY AND INTERSECTIONALITY

### Concluding event of the annual conference series for BCDSS Research Area E: Gender and Intersectionality

IN PERSON WORKSHOP,  
OCTOBER 24-25, 2024

This two-day workshop explores theoretical approaches to intersectionality and their applications in slavery and dependency studies. Guided by four renowned experts in the fields of archaeology (**Laurie A. Wilkie**, UC Berkeley), theology (**Keri L. Day**, Princeton Theological Seminary), sociology (**Zine Magubane**, Boston College), and history (**Karen Graubart**, University of Notre Dame), we examine how slavery and dependency studies might benefit from a greater emphasis on intersectionality, and how intersectionality theory might profit from research on asymmetrical dependencies. How might the comparative approach employed by researchers at the BCDSS complement classic legal and sociological conceptions of intersectionality that follow along the lines of race, gender, and class? How might both theoretical frameworks be strengthened by a greater emphasis on questions of sexuality, gender identity beyond the binary, (dis)ability, or religious experience in modern and pre-modern societies?

Participants will have the chance to engage with the invited guests in critical discussion of these and other questions, as we aim to outline the key points of connection between dependency studies and intersectionality theory.

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## VENUE

### University of Bonn

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Thursday, October 24, 2024

9:00 - 9:30 A.M. – Welcome

Sara Eriksson, *UC Berkeley*  
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David Brandon Smith, *BCDSS*

**SESSION 1 – Perspectives from Archaeology**

9:30 - 11:00 A.M. – Introductory remarks by

Laurie A. Wilkie,  
*UC Berkeley*

Response by Natalie Joy (*Northern Illinois University*)  
Moderator: Sara Eriksson

11:00 - 11:30 A.M. – Coffee break

11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. – Discussion of session and pre-circulated readings

1:00 - 2:00 P.M. – Lunch break

**SESSION 2 – Perspectives from Theology**

2:00 - 3:30 P.M. – Introductory remarks by

Keri L. Day,  
*Princeton Theological Seminary*

Response by Matthias Braun (*University of Bonn*)  
Moderator: David Brandon Smith

3:30 - 4:00 P.M. – Coffee break

4:00 - 5:30 P.M. – Discussion of session and pre-circulated readings

6:00 P.M. – Reception

Friday, October 25, 2024

**SESSION 3 – Perspectives from Sociology**

9:30 - 11:00 A.M. – Introductory remarks by

Zine Magubane,  
*Boston College*

Response by Claudia Jarzebowski (*BCDSS*)  
Moderator: Eva Marie Lehner

11:00 - 11:30 A.M. – Coffee break

11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. – Discussion of session and pre-circulated readings

1:00 - 2:00 P.M. – Lunch break

**SESSION 4 – Perspectives from History**

2:00 - 3:30 P.M. – Introductory remarks by

Karen Graubart,  
*University of Notre Dame*

Response by Karoline Noack (*University of Bonn*)  
Moderator: Danitza L. Márquez Ramírez

3:30 - 4:00 P.M. – Coffee break

4:30 - 5:30 P.M. – Discussion of session and pre-circulated readings

5:30 - 6:00 P.M. – Concluding session / Wrap-up

Sara Eriksson  
Eva Marie Lehner  
David Brandon Smith

7:00 P.M. – Conference dinner at Parkrestaurant RheinAue