

FREEDOM AND LIBERATION IN MEDITERRANEAN ANTIQUITY

BCDSS CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 5 – 8, 2022

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.

We invite you to join our international conference on "Freedom and Liberation in Mediterranean Antiquity", which aims to contribute to a closer analysis and understanding of terminology, narratives, and concepts of freedom and liberation in their respective discursive, cultural, and institutional contexts. Thus it should contribute to a more nuanced understanding of what is called in the Cluster nomenclatura "strong asymmetrical dependencies", their complements and opposites.

VENUE

Wissenschaftszentrum Bonn
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Wednesday, October 5, 2022

2 PM onwards – **Welcome & Registration at the Conference venue
Wissenschaftszentrum**

6:15 PM – **Public lecture at Schlosskirche, Main Building,
University of Bonn**

“Ownership, Self-Ownership, and Liberty”

Valentina Arena
(University College London, UK)

Thursday, October 6, 2022

8:30 – 9:15 AM

„Neue ‚Freiheit‘? - Begriffliche Umschichtungen, veränderte
konzeptionelle Muster und sozio-ökonomische Verschiebungen
am Ende des Dritten Jahrtausends v. Chr. im Nilta”

Ludwig Morenz
(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

9:15 – 9:45 AM

“Concepts of hierarchical freedom and the other in Pharaonic
Egypt” (short paper)

Adam Fagbore
(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

9:45 – 10:30 AM

“‘The Return to the Mother’: Freedom and Liberation in Early
Mesopotamia”

Vitali Bartash
(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

10:30 – 11:00 AM – Coffee / Tea Break

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

“The Exodus in the OT. Liberation and/or divine servitude?”

Ulrich Berges
(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM

“Does Liberation Imply Freedom? Hebrew Bible Perspectives on
the Meaning of Freedom”

Markus Saur
(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

12:30 – 2:30 PM – Lunch Break

2:30 – 3:15 PM

“Freedom and Liberation in Ancient Israel and Ancient
Greece - a typological comparison”

Jan Dietrich
(BCDSS, University of Bonn).

Thursday, October 6, 2022

3:15 – 4:00 PM

“Liberating Knowledge in the Gospel of John and Ancient
Philosophical Discourses on Human Freedom”

Athanasios Despotis
(University of Bonn)

4:00 – 4:30 PM – Coffee / Tea Break

4:30 – 5:15 PM

“Freedom at the Crossroads. Philo's *Quod Omnis Probus Liber Sit* in
First Century Discursive Context”

Hermut Löhr
(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

5:15 – 5:45 PM

“Inevitable Sinfulness? – Freedom of Choice & Liberation from
,Original Sin' in Jewish Apocalypticism in Late First Century”
(short paper)

Carla Weitensteiner
(University of Bonn)

**7:00 PM Conference Dinner at Restaurant “Rheinaue”, Ludwig-
Erhard-Allee 20, 53175 Bonn (only for speakers and organizers)**

Friday, October 7, 2022

9:00 – 9:45 AM

“Freedom of Conscience and Freedom of Religion in Roman
Philosophy and Early Christianity”

Jed W. Atkins
(Duke University, USA)

9:45 – 10:30 AM

“Freedom, Liberation and Dependency of Roman Freedmen in
the Reflection of their Epitaphs”

Konrad Vössing
(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

10:30 – 11:00 AM – Coffee / Tea Break

11:00 – 11:45 AM

“Varieties of Manumission as Cultural Expressions in Roman and
Post-Roman Societies - 200 BCE - 700 CE”

Noel Lenski
(Yale University, USA)

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM

“Freedom through Participation? Slaves and Slavery in Greco-
Roman Associations and Early Christianity”

Markus Öhler
(University of Vienna, Austria)

Friday, October 7, 2022

12:30 – 2:30 PM – Lunch Break

2:30 – 3:15 PM

“*Manumissio in ecclesia*: Liberation and Lasting Obligation”

Julia Winnebeck
(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

3:15 – 4:00 PM

“Liberating the Dead – The Descent to Hell as Redemptive Event in
Late Antique Explanations of the Creed”

Wolfram Kinzig
(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

4:00 – 4:30 PM – Coffee / Tea Break

Excursion

**7:30 PM Conference Dinner at Restaurant “Em Höttche”, Markt 4,
53111 Bonn (only for speakers and organizers)**

Saturday, October 8, 2022

9:00 – 9:45 AM

“Gregory of Nyssa: Freedom in Theology and in Human Society:
Theological and Anthropologico-Social Arguments”

Ilaria Ramelli
(Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy)

9:45 – 10:30 AM

“Notions of Social Hierarchy and Inequality in Formative Islam”

Nicolai Sinai
(University of Oxford, UK)

10:00– 10:30 AM – Coffee / Tea Break

11:15 AM– 12:00 PM

Conclusion (plenary discussion)

Lunch