



MANUMISSION WORKSHOP

INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM NOVEMBER 21. – 22. 2024

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.

During this event, we would like to explore the nature and significance of manumission of enslaved people from a global perspective. Drawing on a variety of sources, especially judicial and notarial ones, we will gain insights into the different types of manumission, their procedures, and outcomes. The main question we are interested in and therefore want to focus on is not only the act of manumission itself, but also the period after manumission. What were the conditions and steps for manumission? What did emancipation really mean? What happened to the slaves after manumission? Did manumission lead to freedom or to a different kind of relationship of dependence? How did the relationship between slaves and slave owners develop after the manumission? What role did manumission play in social life and in the shaping of society? What information can we find in our sources on these aspects? What epistemological and methodological approaches do we use to overcome silences in the records?

VENUE

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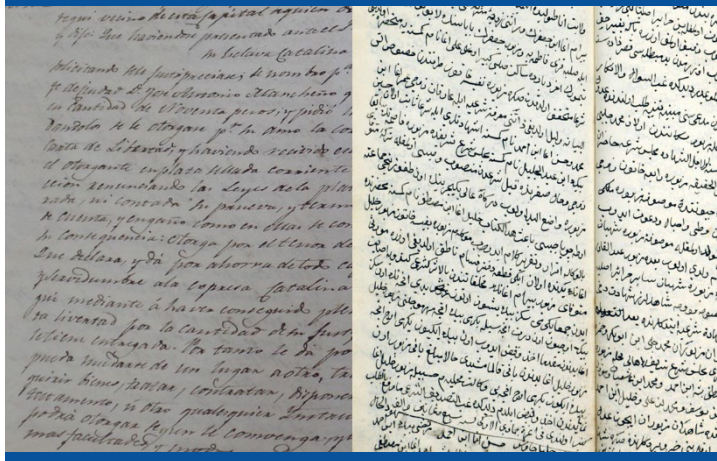


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Thursday, November 21, 2024

9:30 – 10:00 AM CET – **Welcome Coffee**

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Introduction

Veruschka Wagner

Amalia S. Levi

(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

Carolina González Undurraga (Universidad de Chile)

Presentation 1: 10:30 – 11:15 AM

Proto-Citizenship and Emancipation in Mobile Communities of the Dutch Caribbean, 1830-1930

Ramona Negrón

(Koninklijk Instituut voor Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde, KITLV)

Presentation 2: 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

Payable Freedom for Cuban Slaves

Claudia Varella Fernández

(Universidad Internacional de La Rioja)

12:00 – 1:00 PM - Lunch

Presentation 3: 1:00 – 1:45 PM

Times and Sites of Law. The Casa de la Beneficencia Slave Depot in Havana (1840-1857)

Matilde Flamigni

(Scuola Normale Superiore of Pisa)

Presentation 4: 1:45 – 2:30 PM

Manumissions by Jews in the British Caribbean. The Case Study of Barbados

Amalia S. Levi

(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

2:30 – 3:00 PM – **Coffee Break**

Presentation 5: 3:00 – 3:45 PM

Controversial Manumissions: Self-Purchase and Female Slave Labor in Colonial Latin America (Santiago of Chile, 18th Century)

Carolina González Undurraga

(Universidad de Chile)

Presentation 6: 3:45 – 4:30 PM

(Self-)Purchase, Obligation and the Financial Lives of Enslaved People in Cape Town, 1825-1834 **(online)**

Kate Ekama

(University of Stellenbosch)

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4:45 – 5:45 PM

Paper Discussion

(pre-circulated paper, for those who are interested)

6:00 PM - Reception

Friday, November 22, 2024

Presentation 7: 10:00 – 10:45 AM

Family Caught between Slavery and Freedom: A Father's Strive for his Loved Ones and Failing of Family Reunification

Cristina Mocanu

(Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi)

10:45-11:15 AM – **Coffee Break**

Presentation 8: 11:15-12:00 PM

Fragile Freedom: Enslavement and Manumission in the Ottoman Empire.

Veruschka Wagner

(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

Presentation 9: 12:00 – 12:45 PM

From Slavery to Manumission: Exploring Slave Agency in the Crimean Khanate's Court Records (1701-1710)

Turkana Allahverdiyeva

(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

12:45 – 2:00 PM – **Lunch**

Presentation 10: 2:00 – 2:45 PM

Law, Slavery, and Freedom in the Benguela District Court

Mariana Dias Paes

(American University of Paris)

Presentation 11: 2:45 – 3:30 PM

Manumission in the Name of Love: Ausonius' Bissula and Servitude of Love in the Roman Empire **(online)**

Sinja Küppers

(Polonsky Academy Fellow, van Leer Jerusalem Institute)

Friday, November 22, 2024

3:30 – 4:00 PM - **Coffee Break**

Presentation 12: 4:00 – 4:45 PM

Converting to be Free. Slavery, Baptism and Emancipation in Early Modern Rome **(online)**

Serena di Nepi

(Università di Roma La Sapienza)

4:45 – 6:00 PM

Final Discussion

6:30 PM – **Dinner (for organizers and speakers only)**