

SLAVE LABOR, STRONG ASYMMETRIC DEPENDENCY AND SOCIAL MOBILITY IN THE TRANSITION FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM IN LATIN AMERICA AND CUBA 1820-1900

WORKSHOP

JANUARY 29-31, 2025

LANGUAGES: SPANISH & PARTLY ENGLISH

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.

The workshop will focus on three areas (based on Research Area D "Work and Spatiality" of the BCDSS):

- 1) The work of slaves, former slaves as well as other people in strong asymmetrical dependencies in the world's largest sugar factories in the Cienfuegos region (before and after formal abolition);
- 2) Memory/Heritage of Slavery in three dimensions: people (Tomás Terry), current representation in museums, life histories and family histories in one of the sugar factories near Cienfuegos and in the town itself;
- 3) Historiography of slavery in Latin America and (possible) social mobility during an era of the great anti-colonial revolutions in Spanish-America and the Caribbean (1790-1902).

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Please **register** for the conference **by January 22, 2025**

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Wednesday, January 29, 2025

5:00 PM

Welcome and Opening

Michael Zeuske
(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

5:30 – 6:30 PM

La Industria azucarera en Cienfuegos: La Fuerza de Trabajo en la Transición del Ingenio al Central. 1868-1898 / The Sugar Industry in Cienfuegos: The Workforce in the Transition from the Sugar Mill (Ingenio) to the Central. 1868-1898

Orlando García Martínez
(UNEAC Cienfuegos)

6:45 PM – Reception

Thursday, January 30, 2025

**Esclavos, Trabajo, Violencia y Procesos históricos /
Slaves, Work, Violence and historical Processes**

Chair: Javier Laviña (Universitat de Barcelona)

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

La Esclavitud en la Lucha por la Independencia de América Latina/ Slavery in the Struggle for Independence in Latin America

Sergio Guerra Vilaboy
(University of Havana)

Artesanos y Milicianos: Dos Formas de Movilidad social de los Libres de color y ex Esclavos en el Caribe hispano / Artisans and Militiamen: Two Forms of Social Mobility of Free Coloreds and Former Slaves in the Hispanic Caribbean

René Villaboy Zandívar
(University of Havana)

El Ejercicio de la Violencia legítima en una Colonia Esclavista: Cuba y la Plantación (1794-1886) / The Exercise of legitimate Violence in a Slave Colony: Cuba and the plantation (1794-1886)

Martín Rodrigo
(Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona)

Thursday, January 30, 2025

1:00 – 2:30 PM – Lunch Break

Historia y Memoria de la Esclavitud y de los Esclavistas en el Caribe, Cuba y Cienfuegos / History and Memory of Slavery and Slaveholders in the Caribbean, Cuba and Cienfuegos

Chair: Michael Zeuske (BCDSS, University of Bonn)

2:30 – 3:30 PM

Asociacionismo y Movilización política de los ex Esclavos y sus Descendientes (1888-1912) / Associationism and political Mobilization of former Slaves and their Descendants (1888-1912)

Anabel García García
(UNEAC Cienfuegos)

Comercio, Esclavitud y Plantación: Los Cimientos de la Fortuna de Tomás Terry Adams en Cienfuegos (1830-1882) / Trade, Slavery and Plantation: The Foundations of the Fortune of Tomás Terry Adams in Cienfuegos (1830-1882)

Olga Isabel Sosa Amorós
(University of Cienfuegos)

3:30 – 4:00 PM – Coffee Break

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Trabajo de las personas esclavizadas en museos y sitios rurales de la esclavitud/ Enslaved people's work in museums and rural slavery sites

Ulrike Schmieder
(Leibniz University Hannover)

Saint Domingue/ Haití - Postemancipación y Trabajo / Saint Domingue/Haiti - Postemancipation and Work

Javier Laviña
(Universitat de Barcelona)

Friday, January 31, 2025

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Esclavos, Estructuras de la Esclavitud y Ocupaciones laborales (work) en las Américas y Cuba / Slaves, Structures of Slavery and Work Occupations in the Americas and Cuba

Michael Zeuske
(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

12:00 – 1:00 PM – Final Debate and future Projects/Research