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Introduction to the MA programs “Dependency and Slavery Studies” and “Slavery Studies”

at the Bonn Center for Dependency and
Slavery Studies

Date: December 1st, 2021

Time: 2:00-3:30pm (CET)

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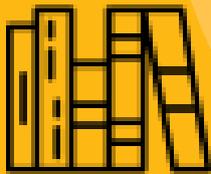
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During our one-hour presentation, we will provide an **overview of the BCDSS and both MA programs**. In addition, some members of our teaching staff will share some examples from their teaching:

By means of a material object, a cotton sack belonging to an enslaved girl and preserved by her great grandmother, **Pia Wiegink** will introduce core research areas as well as methodological challenges of Dependency and Slavery Studies.



Christian De Vito will talk about "Comparing dependencies. – Or, what do an ancient Egyptian peasant and a 19th-century Danish servant have to do with each other?"

Mercy Mashingaidze will discuss the importance of researcher positionality/reflexivity in qualitative research as both MA programs are characterized by an international setup and interdisciplinary approach, covering topics from across the world.

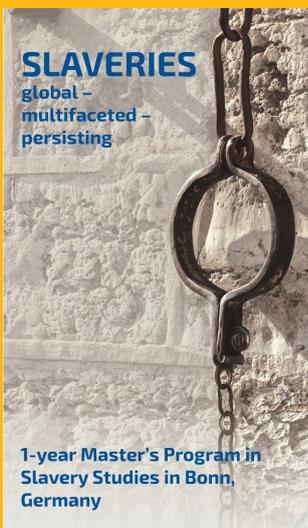


The session will be followed by half an hour of “**meet and greet**”, when you get a chance to listen to the personal experiences of some of our MA students.

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This presentation of our two-year MA program in “Dependency and Slavery Studies” and one-year MA program in “Slavery Studies” addresses primarily students who are looking for cutting-edge research and an international and interdisciplinary study environment. Both programs benefit from being located at one of the university’s Clusters of Excellence - the Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies (BCDSS).

Our research-oriented **two-year MA program** offers a broad perspective on slavery and other forms of strong asymmetrical dependency through time and space.



Our **one-year MA program** focuses on slavery and slavery-like phenomena studied across time and space.



In accordance with the innovative research conducted at BCDSS, both MA programs embrace a strong historical perspective. However, they also leave room to research manifestations of strong asymmetrical dependencies that are present in today’s societies.