

GLOBAL VOYAGES, LOCAL SITES: THE LONG SHADOW OF ATLANTIC SLAVERY IN THE ANGLO-AMERICAN AND GERMAN PACIFIC



HYBRID WORKSHOP
JUNE 20-21, 2023

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 brings together renowned scholars working in the fields of Slavery Studies, Labor Studies, Colonialism and Museum Studies. It explores the legacies of Atlantic slavery through the British Empire's movement of people, money, and expertise from the Caribbean to Queensland, the American movement west to the islands of Samoa, and how these processes interacted with German colonial endeavors in the Pacific. It intends to form a framework with which to expand the disciplinary boundaries of slavery studies and rethink the legacies and impacts of U.S. and Caribbean practices of slaving and processes of racialization that emerged in the context of imperial endeavors in the Pacific. In addition to historians' approaches, we would also like to address how the topics and discourses outlined above impact contemporary attempts of decolonizing museums and collections.

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Please **register** for the conference
by June 7, 2023 via email with **Jan Hörber**, Event
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Tuesday, June 20, 2023

9:30 AM CEST **Welcome & Opening Lecture**

Cambridge Museums in the Black Atlantic

Jake S. Richards

(London School of Economics and Political Science)

10:45 AM – Coffee Break

11:15 AM

Panel I: Atlantic Slavery and Queensland Sugar

Learning from the Tropics: Caribbean Planters and the Queensland Sugar industry

(online via Zoom) Trevor Burnard

(Wilberforce Institute, Hull University)

"Oceanic Negroes": British Slavery's Aftermath and Pacific Labourers in Queensland

Emma Christopher

(UNSW)

12:30 PM – Lunch Break

1:30 PM

Panel II: Micro-spatial Histories and Histories from Below

Micro-spatial Perspectives on "Global Slavery"

Christian De Vito

(BCDSS)

Unfree Labor in the German Pacific: Histories from Below

Emma Thomas

(UNSW)

2:45 PM – Coffee Break

3:15 PM

Panel III: Labor and Literature: Perspectives on/from Colonial Samoa

Degrees of Unfreedom: Labor, Mobility, and Resistance in Colonial Samoa

(online via Zoom) Holger Droessler

(Worcester Polytechnic Institute)

"A massacre of all the whites" (Fanny Stevenson): Samoan Strife and the Centenary of the Haitian Revolution

Deirdre Coleman

(University of Melbourne)

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4:30 PM – Coffee Break

5:00 PM

Panel IV: African American and Immigrant Perspectives on Unfree Labor in the Pacific

From the Plantation to the Pacific: Forms of Dependency in African American Whaling Narratives

Katharina Fackler

(University of Bonn)

Anti-Slavery Rhetoric and Agricultural Visions:

19th-Century German Literature Promoting Emigration to Colonial Queensland

Pia Wiegink

(BCDSS)

6:15 PM – Wine Reception

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

9:30 AM CEST

Opening Lecture

In the Wake of Atlantic Slavery: Antislavery Sentiment and Visual Culture in Australia and the Pacific

Penny Edmonds

(Flinders University)

10:30 AM – Coffee Break

10:45 AM

Panel V: Tracing Colonial Pasts

Archaeological Perspectives on Colonial Built Heritage in the Pacific

Christian Reepmeyer

(German Archaeological Institute/KAAC)

Returning Our Ancestral Remains Back Home: Our Oceania Stories: Update from the Sensitive Provenances Project, University of Göttingen, Germany

(online via Zoom) Tarisi Vunidilo

(University of Hawaii-Hilo)

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

12:00 PM – Lunch Break

1:00 PM

Panel VI: Confronting Colonial Pasts

Repatriation. And After? Anthropological Perspectives on Provenance Research and Restitution as Collaborative Practice

Carsten Wergin

(University of Heidelberg)

'It was wrong': How Germany is Confronting its Colonial Past

Hilary Howes

(ANU)

2:15 PM – Coffee Break

2:30 PM – Curators' Conversation: Material Cultures of Dependency and the Decolonization of Museum Collections

Imelda Miller

(Curator, First Nations Cultures, Queensland Museum)

Oliver Lueb

(Curator, Oceania Collection, RJM Museum)

4:00 PM – Coffee Break

4:15 PM – **Networking Session** (optional)

7 PM – Conference Dinner at [Delikart](#)

(speaker, chairs and organizer only)

Thursday, June 22, 2023

10:00 AM

Visit to the Rautenstrauch-Joest Museum, Cologne

Guided tour of Oceania collection by Oliver Lueb (conference participants will meet at Bonn HBF and travel to Cologne together)