

# LONGUE DURÉE APPROACHES TO THE GLOBAL PLANTATION COMPLEX

HYBRID WORKSHOP NOVEMBER 20, 2025

# 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.

From the seventeenth to nineteenth centuries, plantations in the Caribbean, South America, and the southern United States played a central role in shaping the Atlantic economy, and served as a model for extractive systems across the modern global countryside. Although the connections between the collapse of slave-based Caribbean regimes and modern commodity frontiers are well-known, this workshop aims to reevaluate the origins, structures, and broader implications of plantations beyond the Atlantic world.

The workshop will feature panel discussions in which earlycareer scholars will be paired with established researchers who will serve as moderators to foster productive, in-depth dialogue.

## **VENUE**

#### **University of Bonn**

Conference Room 0.018 Niebuhrstraße 5 D-53113 Bonn

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Please register and state if you would like to participate in person or online by November 13, 2025

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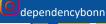
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Formation of Precolonial Plantations of West Central Africa  Esteban Salas (SOAS, University of London)  The Bloody Birth of the French Caribbean Sugar Complex: Imperial Rivalry, Coercive Networks, and Indigenous and Black Social Upheaval, 1638–1697 Florian Wiesner (University of Edinburgh)  Organising Labour and Innovation in the Gardens of the Rab'-i Rashīdī Pious Endowment in Fourteenth-Century Mongol Tabriz  Riaz Howey (MPIWG Berlin & University Bonn)  Sugar Comes But Once a Year': Kinship, Credit Networks, and the Reintegration of the Caribbean and British Isles, 1696-1740  Joseph Biggerstaff (BCDSS, University of Bonn)  Metropolitan Capital, the Bank of England, and Plantation Development in the Ceded Islands, 1763-90 Michael Bennett (University of Sheffield, online)  Riaz Howey (MPIWG Berlin & University Bonn)  (Willberforce Institute, Hull)  Sugar Comes But Once a Year': Kinship, Credit Networks, and the Reintegration of the Caribbean and British Isles, 1696-1740  Metropolitan Capital, the Bank of England, and Plantation Development in the Ceded Islands, 1763-90 Michael Bennett (University of Sheffield, online)  Sachin Dev (Delhi University, online)  Beneath the Leaves: Challenges and Dependencies in Malawi's Tea, Tobacco, and Sugarcane Plantations Throughout the Long 20th Century  David Drengk	Thursday, November 20, 2025	Thursday, November 20, 2025	Thursday, November 20, 2025
5:30 – 7:00 PM:  Joseph C. Miller Memorial Lecture  The Plantation Complex: Towards a Global History Randy M. Browne (Xavier University, online)  7:30 PM – Conference Dinner (for Speakers, Organizers and Panel Chairs only)	Registration and Coffee  10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Panel 1: Early Modern Lineaments Chair: Eva Lehner (BCDSS, University of Bonn)  Age, Refuge-Making, and Intimate Relations in the Formation of Precolonial Plantations of West Central Africa  Esteban Salas (SOAS, University of London)  The Bloody Birth of the French Caribbean Sugar Complex: Imperial Rivalry, Coercive Networks, and Indigenous and Black Social Upheaval, 1638–1697  Florian Wiesner (University of Edinburgh)  Organising Labour and Innovation in the Gardens of the Rab'-i Rashīdī Pious Endowment in Fourteenth-Century Mongol Tabriz  Riaz Howey (MPIWG Berlin & University Bonn)	Panel 2: Networks and Capital in the Atlantic World Chair: Jutta Wimmler (BCDSS, University of Bonn)  German Slavery: The Rise of (Financial) Capitalism in the Atlantic World, 1598-1863: A Spatialized Global History  Constanze Weiske (GESI, Leipzig University)  'Sugar Comes But Once a Year': Kinship, Credit Networks, and the Reintegration of the Caribbean and British Isles, 1696-1740  Joseph Biggerstaff (BCDSS, University of Bonn)  Metropolitan Capital, the Bank of England, and Plantation Development in the Ceded Islands, 1763-90  Michael Bennett (University of Sheffield, online)	Panel 3: The Long Nineteenth Century Chair: Nitin Varma (BCDSS Fellow)  'Drained of All their Capital?': Plantation Labour and Environmental Transformation in Post-Emancipation British Guiana, 1834-1920  Fred Bricknell (Wilberforce Institute, Hull)  Intercolonial Cinnamon: Fashioning Connections from the Eighteenth to Mid-Nineteenth Centuries  Dan Costa (LMU Munich)  Sugar, Labour, and Migration in the United Provinces, c.1870–1940: Rethinking the Plantation Complex Beyond the Atlantic  Sachin Dev (Delhi University, online)  Beneath the Leaves: Challenges and Dependencies in Malawi's Tea, Tobacco, and Sugarcane Plantations Throughout the Long 20th Century  David Drengk (Ruhr University Bochum)  5:00 – 5:30 PM – Coffee Break  5:30 – 7:00 PM: Joseph C. Miller Memorial Lecture The Plantation Complex: Towards a Global History Randy M. Browne (Xavier University, online)