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## BCDSS Newsletter No. 2, August 2020

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SLAVERY AND OTHER  
FORMS OF STRONG  
ASYMMETRICAL  
DEPENDENCIES:  
SEMANTICS, LEXICAL  
FIELDS AND NARRATIVES

The conference intends to approach the phenomenon of slavery and other types of strong asymmetrical dependencies (e.g. debt bondage, convict labor, tributary labor, servitude, serfdom, and domestic work as well as forms of wage labor and various types of patronage) from three methodologically and theoretically distinct perspectives. The conference will conclude the thematic year of the BCDSS which is dedicated to the topics of its Research Area A [Semantics – Lexical Fields – Narratives](#).

[Find out more about the conference](#)

#### Practicalities

The main organizers of the conference are [Jeannine Bischoff](#), [Stephan Conermann](#) and [Marion Gymnich](#). If you have any questions, please contact us via: [dependency\[at\]uni-bonn.de](mailto:dependency[at]uni-bonn.de).

The conference will be held online via Zoom on **October 1–2, 2020**.

The proceedings of the conference will be published in our Book Series *Beyond Slavery and Freedom: Asymmetrical Dependencies in Pre-Modern Societies* (published by de Gruyter).

**Register online:** <https://tinyurl.com/reg-annualconference>.

## JOSEPH C. MILLER LECTURE SERIES AUGUST–DECEMBER 2020

**LECTURE  
SERIES  
CONTINUES  
ONLINE**

Please **register individually** for each online presentation via [events@dependency.uni-bonn.de](mailto:events@dependency.uni-bonn.de). We will then send you a specific link for each presentation so that you can join the **ZOOM lectures**.

We ask all participants to switch off their microphones during the presentations. After each presentation there is an opportunity to ask questions.

### **August 10, 2020, 4 pm**

Amal Shahid: "Gratuitous" Famine Relief Administration in 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Colonial India

### **September 7, 2020, 6 pm**

Ian Hodder: The Force Fields of Things: An Archaeological Focus on Sequences of Things

### **September 21, 2020, 4 pm**

**Joseph C. Miller Memorial Lecture Series on Punishment, Labor and Law: Perspectives from the Global South:**

Raquel R. Sirotti: Within the Law: Criminal Law and Political Repression in Brazil (1889–1930)

### **October 5, 2020, 4 pm**

Betül İpşirli Argıt: Considerations on the Agency of Freed Female Palace Slaves in the Ottoman World

### **October 19, 2020, 4 pm**

Rudi Simek: Slavery in Early Medieval Northern Europe

### **November 2, 2020, 4 pm**

Ana Mateos: tba

### **November 16, 2020, 4 pm**

Klara Boyer-Rossol: The Makua or "Mozambiques" in Madagascar during the Nineteenth Century: Slave Trades, Slaveries, Emancipations and Ancestry in the Big Island

### **November 30, 2020, 4 pm**

Claudia Rauhut: Redressing Historical Injustice: Caribbean Claims for Slavery Reparations

### **December 14, 2020, 4 pm**

Boudewijn Sirks: The Colonate in the Roman Empire: A Balancing-act Between Freedom and Bondage

[Download an overview of our lectures](#)

## CONFERENCE

### SOCIAL STATUS OR LEGAL DIFFERENCE? THE RANK OF SLAVES IN ANTIQUE ROMAN SOCIETY

It is well known that Roman slaves did not form a homogenous group but belonged to different social ranks. That mostly depended on the kind of work they exercised. Did private or public law reflect such differences? Did it help to institutionalize them? Did legal provisions or decisions even foster them? These are the main questions dealt with in the papers to be presented.

All speakers are renowned experts in the field of Roman slave law.

[Download the conference flyer](#)

## PLEASE SPREAD THE NEWS ...

From **August 17 to September 11, 2020**, applications are for our newly established Master's Program in Dependency and Slavery Studies.

Are you looking for cutting-edge research? Join the Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies! We offer a broad and in-depth Master's program that is unique and innovative.

The Master's program "Dependency and Slavery Studies" is a research-oriented degree program offering you a broad perspective on interdisciplinary research into slavery and other forms of strong asymmetrical dependencies through time and space.

**Duration:** 2 years

**Start:** Winter semester (October)

**Program Language:** English

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**NEW  
MASTER'S  
PROGRAM**



## SLAVERY WITHOUT SLAVES?

**DEPENDENT** is the research magazine of the Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies.

The second issue of **DEPENDENT** takes a close look at what institutionalized dependency is and how asymmetrical dependencies are legitimized by law. In our special focus article Martin J. Schermaier explains how institutionalized forms of dependencies assign certain roles and behaviors to particular groups of people.

In addition, our second issue examines the political dimension of quarantine over time, and the search for the Humboldt House in Havana.

In **DEPENDENT**, we want to give you insights into the breadth and depth of our research.

[Enjoy the read.](#)

[Past issues.](#)

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