

## "CAPTIVITY, SLAVERY AND FORCED LABOR: EXAMINING MAYA ASYMMETRICAL DEPENDENCIES IN THE LONGUE DURÉE, 300BCE-2022CE"

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM  
JUNE 16–18, 2022  
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## 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 existence of slavery among the Maya is asserted in almost all publications, but no systematic effort has yet been undertaken to investigate slavery and other forms of asymmetrical dependency among the Maya on the basis of sources or material evidence. In fact, there is not a single publication on the subject. Nevertheless, there can be no doubt that slaves were an important component of pre-Hispanic society, although their proportion in relation to other groups, such as dependent peasants and prisoners of war, has yet to be explored. The planned conference aims to lay the groundwork for a new understanding of slavery and asymmetrical dependency among the Maya from the preclassic period until the present. The aim of the conference is not only to trace the existence and structure of asymmetrical dependency relations among the Maya over a long durée, but also to reconstruct the different ontological conceptions underlying Maya and European ideas of slavery and dependency. This will also allow us to better understand what it means to be a *winik* "human" in Maya culture and thinking.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022

2:00 – 3:00 PM (CEST)

**Welcome and Introduction**

**John Chuchiak IV**  
(Missouri State University, BCDSS Alumni)  
**Nikolai Grube**  
(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

**Panel I: The Fate of Captives**

3:00–3:45 PM

Reconsidering Classic Maya Captivity

**Marc Zender**  
(Tulane University)

4:00 – 4:45 PM

Captivity, Public Degradation, and Sacrifice: A New  
Census of Tonina's Prisoners of War

**Guido Krempel**  
(University of Bonn)  
**Ángel A. Sánchez Gamboa**  
(INAH)

**Alejandro Sheseña**  
(Universidad de Ciencias y de Artes de Chiapas)

5:00 – 5:45 PM

Wie es eigentlich gewesen: An Interdisciplinary  
Approach to Ancient Maya Warfare and Captive-Taking

**Harri Kettunen**  
(University of Helsinki)

6:00 – 6:45 PM

Captives as K'eex-Offerings: Some Observations on  
Human Sacrifice in the Context of the Ux Ahal-  
Ballgame

**Elisabeth Wagner**  
(University of Bonn)

7:00 – 7:45 PM

Extreme asymmetrical dependency in pre-Hispanic  
Maya Society

**Nikolai Grube**  
(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022

**Panel II: Economic Perspectives on pre-Hispanic  
asymmetrical dependency**

12:00 – 12:45 PM (CEST)

Los esclavos en la sociedad maya del Posclásico tardío:  
una aproximación histórica

**Tsubasa Okoshi**  
(Universidad de Estudios Extranjeros de Kioto)

1:00 – 1:45 PM

Necessity, Control and Asymmetrical Dependency in  
the Social System of Classic Maya Communities: A  
Spatial Approach

**Paul Graf**  
(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

1:45 – 3:00 PM - Lunch Break

3:00 – 3:45 PM

Forced Labor at Mayapan

**Marilyn A. Masson**  
(University at Albany, SUNY)

4:00 – 4:45 PM

Were they enslaved? Maya figurines from Jaina Island

**Mary Ellen Miller**  
(Getty Research Institute)

5:00 – 5:45 PM

¿Visibilidad arqueológica de la esclavitud en los  
asentamientos mayas clásicos y posclásicos?

**Marie-Charlotte Arnaud**  
(CNRS, Laboratoire Archéologie des Amériques)

6:00 – 6:45 PM

The Works of Kings and the Sorrows of Slaves: the  
Enigmatic yehte' / yejte' / yete' / yeht Expressions in  
Classic Maya Inscriptions

**Christian Prager**  
(University of Bonn)

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022

**Panel III: Colonial and Neo-Colonial asymmetrical  
dependencies**

3:00 – 3:45 PM (CEST)

Human Plunder: The Role of Indigenous  
Slavery in Francisco de Montejo's Conquest  
of Yucatán, 1527–1550

**John Chuchiak IV**  
(Missouri State University, BCDSS Alumni)

3:45 – 4:30 PM

Malintzin's origins: slave or cultural exploitation?

**Rosamund Fitzmaurice**  
(University College London)

4.30 – 5:00 PM - Coffee Break

5:00 – 5:45 PM

“K'iche'an Advocacy against Abuses in Systems of  
Forced Labor in the Late Seventeenth and Early  
Eighteenth Centuries in Colonial Highland Guatemala”

**Owen Jones**  
(Sinclair Community College)

5:45 – 6:30 PM

Petén, 1825: Slavery, Race, and Citizenship  
in Independent Guatemala

**Mark Lentz**  
(Utah Valley University)

6:30 – 7:15 PM

Asymmetrical Dependencies in the 21st century: The  
Impact of Tourism Industries on the Descendants of the  
Cruzoob maya today

**Antje Gunsenheimer**  
(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

7:15 – 8:00 PM

Final Discussion and Conclusion