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Slavery and Slave Trade in Ethiopia and Beyond

SLAFNET Spring School

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Monday April 15, 2019

Welcome and Kick-off

- 8-9am Registration & Greetings
- 9-10.30am Welcome by Prof. Ahmed Hassen, Giulia Bonacci and the Ethiopian SLAFNET team
Presentation by Marie-Pierre Ballarin, SLAFNET PI
Presentation by Jean-Luc Martineau, AEGIS representative
Presentation by Alexander Meckelburg: *At the margins of empires: The legacies of slavery and the slave trade in Eastern Africa*
Formal launch by Dr. Jeilu Oumer, Academic Vice President //Dr. Mitike Molla Vice, President for Research & Technology Transfer and Community Service (AAU)
- 10.30-11am Coffee break
- 11-12pm Tour of IES and of the exhibition by Prof. Ahmed Zekaria, Messay Yohannes & Dereje Birhanu

Lectures I. Trends in the study of slavery and slave trade in Africa

- 2-3pm **Political and social impact of the Atlantic slave trade and of its abolition in West Africa**
Jean-Luc Martineau (INALCO / Paris Diderot)
- 3-4pm **The Gumuz to the West of Agawmidir and their neighbors, 1898-1935**
Abdussamad H. Ahmad (Addis Ababa University)
- 4 - 4.30pm Coffee break
- 4.30-5.30pm **Ethiopian abolition in the African and Global Mirror**
Benedetta Rossi (University of Birmingham)

Tuesday April 16, 2019

Lectures II. Trends in the study of slavery and slave trade in Africa

- 9-10am **Ex-slaves' families and citizenship: An evolving marginalization of South Sudanese in Sudan**
Mohamed A. G. Bakhit (University of Khartoum)
- 10-11am **Slavery, heritage, marginalization and conflict on the Kenyan Coast**
Samuel Nyanchoga (Catholic University of Eastern Africa)
- 11-11.30am Coffee break
- 11.30-12.30pm **Themes in the study of the Indian Ocean slave trade**
Meera Venkatachalam (University of Mumbai)

Graduate workshop I. History & Memory

Chair: Giulia Bonacci (IRD/URMIS)

- 2-3pm **Oral history among the Mao in Western Oromia. The identity of descendants of domestic workers**
Sophie Küspert-Rakotondrainy (Independent)
- 3-4pm **Slavery, state and missionary: Reflection on the roles of Dubala Biru (1910-1965), a former Dawuro slave and first Omotic bible translator, Southern Ethiopia**
Admasu Abebe (Addis Ababa University)

4-5pm **Slavery in 19th century Harar City State: An insight in cases from court documents**
Dr. Muna Abubeker (Addis Ababa University)

5-6pm **Slavery and slave trade in Ethiopia with particular reference to Gambella**
Awoke Atinafu (Institute of Peace and Security Studies)

Wednesday April 17, 2019

Documenting slavery I. Visit to the National Archives of Ethiopia

9-10.30am **Introduction to the National Archives**
Abey Hailu (National Archives and Library Agency)

10.30-11am Coffee break

11-12.30 pm **Unsilencing the archive: Finding slave legacies in the National Archives of Ethiopia**
Lacy Noel Feigh (University of Pennsylvania) & Tigist Getachew (Independent)

Graduate workshop II. Literature & Orality

Chair: Takele Merid (IES)

2-3pm **Representation of slavery and class in Kafa proverbs**
Mesfin Wodajo (Addis Ababa University)

3-4pm **Resistance against slavery in *Matigari* by Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o**
Getnet Tibebu (Addis Ababa University)

4-5pm **I sing, so I liberate my people: an anti-oppression rhetoric in Oromo songs**
Mekwanent Tilahun Desta (Addis Ababa University)

Documenting slavery II. Film screening @ Alliance Ethio-française

6.30-9pm "Slavery Routes" (Documentary screening & Debate)

Thursday April 18, 2019

Public roundtable. New perspectives in the study of slavery and slave trade in Ethiopia

Chair: Teferi Mekonnen (Institute of Ethiopian Studies)

9-9.30am **(Re)Interpreting Orlando Patterson's theory of "Slavery and Social Death"**
Abebe Fentahun (University of Gondar)

9.30-10am **Dwelling on the past: the Gumuz memories of the Agäw slave raids in North Western Ethiopia**
Desalegn Amsalu (Institute of Ethiopian Studies)

10-10.30am **Memories of slavery and perceptions of socioeconomic statuses among the Berta people, North Western Ethiopia**
Takele Merid (Institute of Ethiopian Studies)

10.30-11am Coffee break

- 11-11.30am **Roots and manifestations of marginalization: an exploration of socio-economic and political condition of slave descendants in Ethiopia**
Akalework Mengesha (Wolaitta Sodo University)
- 11.30-12pm **Dismemberment, social degradation and pessimistic future: The slave *psycho-moral* life along the long-distance trade routes**
Ahmed Hassen (Institute of Ethiopian Studies)
- 12-12.30pm **Discussion**

Graduate workshop III. Abolition

Chair: Benedetta Rossi (University of Birmingham)

- 2-3pm **The Role of the Church Missionary Society in reconstructing post-slavery identities in Frere Town and Rabai (Kenya), 1840-2010**
Melvine C. Lilechi (Catholic University of Eastern Africa)
- 3-4pm **Slavery, abolition and aftermath developments among Omotic societies of Southwestern Ethiopia**
Bosha Bombe (University of Pavia)
- 4-5pm **From the abolition of slavery to the integration and empowerment of former slaves and their descendants in Tegray, Northern Ethiopia**
Fesseha Berhe (Mekelle University)
- 5-6pm **Punishing slavery: Enforcing abolition in Ethiopia post-1940**
Lacy Noel Feigh (University of Pennsylvania)

Friday April 19, 2019

Graduate workshop IV. Migration & Citizenship

Chair: Alexander Meckelburg (Hiob Ludolf Centre for Ethiopian Studies/Universität Hamburg)

- 8-9am **Retracing the history of slave trade from Shoa to Tajoura: Ethnographic analysis**
Nathan Belay (Samara University)
- 9-10am **The politics of modern slavery and integration of migrant workers: the case of Ruanda-Urundi migrants in the Uganda Protectorate**
Faith Atuhumuze (Makerere University, Uganda & LPED, France)
- 10-10.30am **Coffee break**
- 10.30-11.30am **Changes and continuity in status related to slavery among the Dube minorities of Bale lowlands, Ethiopia**
Kefyalew Tessema (Addis Ababa University)
- 11.30-12.30pm **Historical slavery and current legal status: South Sudanese and citizenship right in Khartoum, Sudan**
Rania Awad Madani (University of Khartoum)