

CULTURAL HERITAGE AND SLAVERY: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE CARIBBEAN

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP
MARCH 24 – 26, 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 workshop aims at approaching the contested heritage of slavery and memory politics in the Caribbean states from an interregional and multidisciplinary perspective, including history, social and cultural anthropology, and social sciences. It asks key questions such as: What role does transatlantic slavery play in the cultural heritage of the cities and rural communities? Which legacies are identified and remembered in public or private spaces – and how, where, by whom, and for what purpose? To what extent is the public commemoration of colonizers and enslavers by means of statues, national holidays or school books contested? How does the contested heritage relate to the memory sites dedicated to the enslaved and to those who fought slavery and colonial oppression?

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THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022

3:00 – 4:00 PM (NB all times are CET)
WELCOME

Chair: Stephan Conermann, BCDSS, University of Bonn / Claudia Rauhut, BCDSS, University of Bonn

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Agustín Lao-Montes (University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA): *Black Lives Beyond Slavery: Creolizing Ubuntu to Transcend the Modern/Colonial Dialectics of Eros and Thanatos*

4:00 – 5:00 PM - PANEL I: Haiti and the Dominican Republic
Chair: Pia Wiegink, BCDSS, University of Bonn

Kenrick Demesvar (University of Haiti, Port-au-Prince, Haiti):
Cultural Heritage and Slavery in Haiti: Past, Present, and Future

Alexa Voss (BCDSS, University of Bonn): *Santo Domingo: Restoring the Colonial City*

5:00 – 5:30 PM - Coffee Break

5:30–6:30 PM - PANEL II: Cuba
Chair: Claudia Rauhut, BCDSS, University of Bonn

Zuleica Romay (Casa de las Américas, Cuba):
"(Dis) continuidades en la representación de la mujer negra en ficciones cubanas de temática esclavista"

Roberto Zurbano (Casa de las Américas, Cuba): *Turismo versus plantación: una propuesta de afro-reparación a la industria del turismo en Cuba*

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022

3:00 – 4:30 PM - PANEL III: Anglophone Caribbean
Chair: Trevor Burnard, Wilberforce Institute for the Study of Slavery and Emancipation, University of Hull, UK

Kevin Farmer (Barbados Museum & Historical Society, Bridgetown, Barbados): *Who Speaks for the Dead? Interpretation and Memorialization at the Enslaved Burial Ground at Newton, Barbados*

Michael Barnett (University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica): *The Clarion Call of Rastafari for Reparations for the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade*

Imani Tafari-Ama (University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica): *Jamaica: From the Danish West Indies to the Virgin Islands of the United States: A Transatlantic Triologue Confronting Colonial Heritage and its Enduring Legacy*

4:30 – 5:00 PM - Coffee Break

5:00 – 6:00 PM - PANEL IV: Francophone Caribbean
Chair: Ulrike Schmieder, CAGS, Leibniz University Hannover

Rodolphe Solbiac (Université des Antilles, Campus de Schoelcher, Martinique): *'Activists' Removal of Colonial Statues in Martinique in 2020: A Demand for Reparations for African Slavery*

Manuella Yung-Hing (Domaine de la Pagerie, Trois-Ilets, Martinique): *Projets sur la question de l'héritage de l'esclavage à la Pagerie*

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022

3:00–6:00 PM - PANEL V: Circum-Caribbean
Chair: Michael Zeuske, BCDSS, University of Bonn

Rina Cáceres (Universidad de Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica): *Slavery, Education, and the Justification of White Racial Supremacy*

Alfredo Delgado Calderón (Centro Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Veracruz, Mexico): *Negros libres y esclavos de la Antigua y Nueva Veracruz*

Tomás Straka (Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, Caracas, Venezuela): *Slavery and Public History in Venezuela (1999-2020)*

4:30 – 5:00 PM - Coffee Break

Olivia M. Gomes da Cunha (Museu Nacional, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil): *On the Impossibility of Forgetting: Runaways, Refugees and Sentient Landscapes*

Alfonso Cassiani Herrera (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia): *Herencia de la esclavización en Cartagena de Indias*

6:00 – 6:15 PM - Coffee Break

6:15 – 7:00 PM – Round Table Discussion
Stephan Conermann, Claudia Rauhut, Ulrike Schmieder & Michael Zeuske