Slavery and Slave Trade in Ethiopia and Beyond

SLAFNET Spring School
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15-19 April 2019
Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa University

Program

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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)
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<td>Slavery in 19th century Harar City State: An insight in cases from court documents</td>
<td>Dr. Muna Abubeker (Addis Ababa University)</td>
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<td>5-6pm</td>
<td>Slavery and slave trade in Ethiopia with particular reference to Gambella</td>
<td>Awoke Atinafu (Institute of Peace and Security Studies)</td>
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**Wednesday April 17, 2019**

**Documenting slavery I. Visit to the National Archives of Ethiopia**

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<td>Introduction to the National Archives</td>
<td>Abey Hailu (National Archives and Library Agency)</td>
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<td>11-12.30pm</td>
<td>Unsilencing the archive: Finding slave legacies in the National Archives of Ethiopia</td>
<td>Lacy Noel Feigh (University of Pennsylvania) &amp; Tigist Getachew (Independent)</td>
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**Graduate workshop II. Literature & Orality**

*Chair: Takele Merid (IES)*

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<td>Representation of slavery and class in Kafa proverbs</td>
<td>Mesfin Wodajo (Addis Ababa University)</td>
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<td>Resistance against slavery in <em>Matigari</em> by Ngūguï wa Thion’o</td>
<td>Getnet Tibebu (Addis Ababa University)</td>
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<td>I sing, so I liberate my people: an anti-oppression rhetoric in Oromo songs</td>
<td>Mekwanent Tilahun Desta (Addis Ababa University)</td>
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**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)*

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<td>(Re)Interpreting Orlando Patterson’s theory of “Slavery and Social Death”</td>
<td>Abebe Fentahun (University of Gondar)</td>
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<td>Dwelling on the past: the Gumuz memories of the Agāw slave raids in North Western Ethiopia</td>
<td>Desalegn Amsalu (Institute of Ethiopian Studies)</td>
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<td>Memories of slavery and perceptions of socioeconomic statuses among the Berta people, North Western Ethiopia</td>
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**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)