Slavery in Islamic Law and Muslim Societies

Hotel Bad Murtensee, 30 August – 1 September 2023

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Wednesday, 30 August 2023

17:00–17:30 Welcome and Introduction
Serena Tolino (University of Bern, TraSIS)
Stephan Conermann (University of Bonn, BCDSS)

17:30–18:30 Keynote Lecture: New Sources for Muslim Social History?
Premodern Legal Documents from a Comparative Perspective
Christian Müller (CNRS, Paris)

18:30 Walk on the Lakeshore

20:00 Dinner

Thursday, 31 August 2023

09:00–10:30 Slavery, Abolition and Race in North and West Africa
Chair: Serena Tolino (University of Bern, TraSIS)

Bayram V’s al-Tahqiq (Inquest) and the Era of the Second Abolition of Slavery in Tunisia
Ismael M. Montana (Northern Illinois University)

The Abolition of Slavery and Inheritance Law in Modern Egypt
Samy Ayoub (University of Texas at Austin)

A Muslim Scholar Disentangling Slavery and Blackness in the Early Modern Maghreb
Jonathan A.C. Brown (Georgetown University)

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

11:00–12:30 Clientage and Relations of Dependency
Chair: Stephan Conermann (University of Bonn, BCDSS)

The Kafāla: Inevitable Dependencies?
Laura Rowitz (University of Bern, TraSIS)

The Kitāba in Islamic Law: Dependency, Agency, and Obligations
Laura Emunds (University of Bern, TraSIS)

An Interstitial Category? Revisiting Early Islamic Clientage (Walā’)
Mehdy Shaddel (Leiden University)

12:30–14:00 Lunch
**Labour and the Regulation of Slavery in Legal and Non-Legal Sources**
Chair: Corinne Mühlemann (University of Bern)

Legal Practices at the Hispanic Mediterranean Galleys: Muslim Slaves and Christian Convicts and Buenaboyas in a Continuum of Strong Asymmetrical Dependencies (16th and 17th Century)
Teresa Peláez-Domínguez (University of Valencia)

Legal Documents as Sources on Slavery and Enslaved Lives in Mughal South Asia
Emma Kalb (University of Bonn, BCDSS)

Assignments, Loans, and Leases of Slaves According to Mālikī Law
Cristina de la Puente (CSIC, Madrid)

**Coffee Break**

**Dependency and Household Relations in Early Legal Sources**
Chair: Nijmi Edres (University of Bern)

Freedwomen in Early Islamic Legal Sources
Elizabeth Urban (West Chester University)

Strange Bedfellows: Sexual Hospitality in Early Islamic Law
Omar Anchassi (University of Bern, TraSIS)

**Walk in Murtensee**

**Friday, 1 September 2023**

**Concubinage and the Umm al-Walad**
Chair: Omar Anchassi (University of Bern, TraSIS)

Concubinage in Medieval Yemen: A Biographical-Intersectional Approach
Magdalena Moorthy Kloss (Austrian Academy of Sciences)

Being a Female Slave in Early Modern Bakhchysarai: Umm al-Walads
Turkana Allahverdiyeva (University of Bonn, BCDSS)

**Coffee Break**

**Final Discussion**

**Lunch**