

International Conference

Slavery and Post-Slavery in the Arabian Peninsula At the crossroads of literature and social sciences

Programme

- 09.10 Registration
09.30 Opening words by Xavier Luffin (*Professor of Arabic literature, Université Libre de Bruxelles*) & Jihan Safar (*Postdoctoral researcher, OMLAM-Maison des sciences humaines, Université Libre de Bruxelles*)

PANEL 1. Representations, Profiles, and Experiences

Chairwoman: Marcella Rubino (*Professor of Modern Arab Literature, Inalco*)

- 09.40 **Maryam A. Al-Mutawa** (*MPhil Candidate in Arab and Islamic Studies program, University of Exeter*)
Pearls, Slaves, and Masters: Conditions of Enslaved Pearl Divers in the Arabian Coast
10.00 **Ishaq Tijani** (*Professor of Literature, University of Dubai*)
Takrir: Representations of African Slaves and Slave Descendants in Contemporary Arabian Gulf Literature
10.20 **Nisrine Boulerbah** (*PhD candidate, Université Libre de Bruxelles*)
Gaining agency through sexuality as a black eunuch: a study of Sundus's journey in Samahani
10.40 Discussion
11.00 Coffee break

PANEL 2. Slavery, Culture, and Knowledge

Chairman: Xavier Luffin (*Professor of Arabic Literature, Université Libre de Bruxelles*)

- 11.20 **Neil van der Linden** (*Musicologist, Amsterdam*)
The Musical Diaspora from East Africa across the Arab Peninsula
11.40 **Ahmed Yaqoub AlMaazmi** (*PhD candidate, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University*)
Enslaved Bodies and Bodies of Texts: Slavery and Textual Production in Oman and East Africa
12.00 **Sara. J. Musaifer** (*Postdoctoral researcher, New York University Abu Dhabi*)
Listening for the unsaid: Education, Nation-building and the (Im)possibilities of Black Girlhood in (Post)colonial Bahrain
12.20 Discussion
12.40 Lunch

PANEL 3. Trafficking Routes

Chairman: Stéphane Lacroix (*Professor of political science, Sciences Po*)

- 13.40 **Viola Pacini** (*PhD student, University of Bologna*)
Capturing People in Arabia: Who Was Enslaved?
14.00 **Matthew S. Hopper** (*Professor of History, California Polytechnic State University*)
After Slavery: Captured Slave Ships and the Relocation of Liberated Africans to Aden, 1861-1897
14.20 **Faisal Abdullah Abualhassan** (*PhD candidate, John Hopkins University*)
Methodological Meditations on the Study of the Midcentury Trans-Saharan Slave Trade to the Arabian Peninsula
14.40 Discussion
15.00 Coffee break

PANEL 4. After Slavery: Labor, Identity, and Race

Chairman: Gaétan du Roy, Professor of History, UCLouvain

- 15.30 **Margot Luyckfasseel** (*Assistant professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussel*)
Kisangani's Arabisé Community: Between Enslavement and Privilege (DR Congo, 1870s to today)
15.50 **Tajreen Midhat** (*Lecturer, Habib University, Pakistan*)
Petro Slavery: South Asian Migrations to the Middle East
16.10 Discussion
16.30 Conclusion