

EARLY MODERN SLAVERIES AND GENDER FROM A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE WORKSHOP



Matteo Rosselli, The Captives of Bona, Florence, 1621 (detail)

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DAY 1

Thursday, October 15

- 14:00-15:00** Gathering and Introduction to the Workshop
Xenia von Tippelskirch (Frankfurt) and Tamar Herzig (Tel Aviv)
- 15:00-15:30** Coffee Break
- 15:30-17:30** Session I: Connected Histories of Gender and Enslavement
Chair: **Christian Windler (Bern/Mainz)**
Florian Kühnel (Mainz/Tübingen), *Hidden Behind Diplomatic Walls: Enslaved People in European Embassies in Early Modern Istanbul*
Michele Santoro (Tel Aviv), *Female Slavery in the Adriatic Sea: The Case of the Venetian "Stato da Mar"*
Benedetta Chizzolini (Rome), *Speaking from Bondage: Narratives, Memory, and Resistance*
- 19:00** Dinner

DAY 2

Friday, October 16

- 10:00-12:00** Session II: Sexuality, Reproduction, and Enslavement
Chair: **Rebekka Voß (Frankfurt)**
Rebekka von Mallinckrodt (Bremen), *Marital and Informal Sexual Relationships of (Formerly) Enslaved People of African and Ottoman Descent in Early Modern Germany*
Alice Sanna Bucci (Tel Aviv), *Female Sexuality between Anatomy and Orientalism: Enslaved Black Women in Italian Courts*
Eva Marie Lehner (Bonn) and Julia Schmidt (Bonn), *Gender, Slavery, and Reproduction at the Cape of Good Hope, c. 1650-1800*
- 12:00-13:30** Lunch
- 13:30-15:30** Session III: Gender, Language, and Politics
Chair: **Peter Mark (Wesleyan University/Bad Homburg)**
Renate Dürr (Tübingen), *Serfs and Slaves in Early Modern Germany: Towards a Connected and Gendered History*
Joseph Jackson-Eade (Tel Aviv), *"She was thus Sent Back to her Cell": Enslaved Women's Language in Early Modern Iberian Prisons*
Yasmine Segol (EHESS, Paris), *Diplomats and the Trade in Enslaved Girls in Seventeenth-Century France*

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Friday, October 16

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-18:00 Session IV: Roundtable Discussion on Early Modern Slaveries and Gender from a Comparative Perspective
Xenia von Tippelskirch, Tamar Herzig, Peter Mark, Rebekka von Mallinckrodt

19:00 Dinner

DAY 3

Saturday, October 17

10:00-12:00 Session V: Women and Children as the "Other" Slaves
Chair: **Bernhard Jussen (Frankfurt)**
Lisa Molina (Tel Aviv), *Enslaved Women and Craftsmanship in Early Modern Tuscany*
Corinna Peres (Bonn), *Slavery and Non-Mothering in the Datini Network*
Giuseppe Alberto Patisso (Brindisi), *"Don't Sell Male Galley Slaves, Only Women and Children": Slavery and Gender in the Adriatic-Balkan Trade*

12:00-13:00 Concluding Remarks
Tamar Herzig and Xenia von Tippelskirch

13:00-14:30 Lunch

GENERAL INFORMATION

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