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, OM/AM-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) Les masculinités des esclaves sexualisés dans 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, Johns 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 (DRCongo, 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