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## An agenda for research and comparison

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### First - Setting the stage

Chair: Pierluigi Valsecchi (Università di Pavia); discussant: Sandra Greene (Cornell University)

9.30 - 9.45 **Cristina Messa (Rector of the University of Milano-Bicocca) and Silvia Kanizsa (Director of Department of Human Sciences for Education “Riccardo Massa”): Welcome address on behalf of the University of Milan-Bicocca.**

9.45 - 10.15 **Alice Bellagamba, University of Milano-Bicocca: Welcome address on behalf of the SWAB Project and Introduction.**

10.15 - 10.45 **Joel Quirk, University of the Witwatersrand: Slavery and ‘Lesser’ Servitudes: Separate and Stratified or Blended Together?**

10.45 - 11.15 **Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick, Central European University: Contemporary Emancipation and the Slaveholder's Dilemma**

11.15 - 11.30 **Coffee Break**

11.30 - 12.30 **Discussion**

12.30 - 14.00 **Lunch**

### Second – Post-slavery Africa, Part I (14.00 - 18.30)

Chair: Antonio De Lauri (University of Milano-Bicocca)

**Felicitas Becker, University of Cambridge: The rise and fall of female seclusion in the aftermath of slavery on the southern Swahili coast: transformations of slavery in unexpected places.**

(Discussant: Benedetta Rossi)

**Alexander Meckelburg, University of Hamburg: The Inheritance of Inequality: The place of slavery in “social memory” - Findings from western Ethiopia.**

(Discussant: Marie Rodet)

**Lotte Pelckmans, University of Leiden: Stereotypes of Past Slavery and ‘Stereostyles’ in Post-Slavery: A pluridimensional, interactionist perspective on contemporary hierarchies**

(Discussant: Baz Lecocq)

**Marco Gardini, University of Milano-Bicocca: Working as a ‘boy’: Free and unfree labour in post-slavery Togo**

(Discussant: Alexander Meckelburg)

**Marie Rodet, SOAS: Property and Land Rights in Post-abolition Kayes, Mali (1905-1935)**

(Discussant: Marco Gardini)

Documentary screening: **The Diambourou: Slavery and Emancipation in Kayes, Mali** (Marie Rodet, 2014)

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### **Third: Post-slavery Africa, Part II (9.30 – 13.00)**

Chair: Martin Klein (University of Toronto).

**Benedetta Rossi, University of Birmingham: African Post-slavery in Seven Questions**  
(Discussant: Eric Hahonou)

**Christine Whyte, Bayreuth University: ‘A white-man’s slavery’: Community development, forced labour, and post-slavery in Sierra Leone, 1928-1956**  
(Discussant: Lotte Pelckmans)

**Baz Lecocq, Ghent University: Slave Trade and the dynamics of post-slavery in a mid-twentieth century global world**  
(Discussant: Alice Bellagamba)

**Eric Hahonou, Roskilde University: Property, citizenship and the legacies of slavery in Northern Benin**  
(Discussant: Felicitas Becker)

Documentary screening: **Yesterday's Slaves. Democracy and Ethnicity in Benin**  
(Camilla Strandbjerg and Eric Hahonou, 2011)

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13.00 - 14.30 **Lunch**

### **Fourth: The past and the present**

Chair: Alessandro Monsutti (Graduate Institute, Geneva); discussant: Martin Klein (University of Toronto)

14.30 – 15.00 **Abderrahmane N’Gaidé, UCAD/IEA Nantes: Économie biographique et construction d’une nouvelle généalogie politique chez les anciens Maccube du Fuuta Tooro (Sénégal)**

15.00 - 15.30 **Giulio Cipollone, Pontificia Università Gregoriana: L’esclavage à Madagascar: Hier, aujourd’hui et demain**

15.30 – 16.00 **Ann McDougall, University of Alberta: Hidden in Plain Sight: *hritin* in the corners of Nouakchott**

16.00 – 16.15 **Coffee Break**

16.15 – 17.00 **Discussion and wrap-up** (Sandra Greene, Cornell University)

**Organising Committee:** Alice Bellagamba, Antonio De Lauri, Marco Gardini, Gloria Carlini, Valerio Colosio, Marta Scaglioni