Freedom
Bondage, future and selves in Central Asia, the Middle East and Africa

17-18 September 2015
Sala Lauree, U6, 3° floor, 8:30 – 18:00

SWAB – Shadows of Slavery in West Africa and Beyond. A Historical Anthropology
ERC G.A. 313737

Program

17 September

8:30 Registration

9.30 Introduction, Alice Bellagamba

Panel 1, Chair Alice Bellagamba

9:50 Chouki El Hamel, Slavery and Frontiers of Freedom in Morocco

10:10 George Michael La Rue, Seeking Freedom in Multiple Contexts: An Enslaved Sudanese Woman’s Life Trajectory, ca. 1800-1834

10:30 Ehud R. Toledano, Enslavement and Freedom in Transition: MENA Societies from Empires to National States

10:50 Coffee break


11:25 Benhaz Mirzai, Slavery, Emancipation and Post-emancipation: Some Experiences of Freed Slaves in the Indian Ocean
11:55 Judith Spicksley, *Contested Enslavement: Portuguese Law in Angola and the Promise of Freedom, 1600-1800*

12:05 Discussion

**13:00 Lunch**

**Panel 2, Chair Eric Hanonou**

14:30 José Lingna Nafafé, *Legitimate Trade as a Universal Ethic: Wilberforce’s Abolitionism experiment on the Tropical Island of Bulama in the Eighteenth Century*

14:50 Amit Kumar Mishra, *‘Dreams of a Cow, Endless Reality in Chains’: Trajectories of Transformations From Bondage to Freedom of Indian Indentured Labourers*


**15:50 Coffee break**

16:10 Elena Smolarz, *‘Being a Slave in Bukhara and Khiva’: Speaking About Dependency and Freedom of Russian Enslaved Captives in Central Asia in the 19th Century in Consideration of Perspectivity*

16:30 Adam Mahamat, *Slaves in the Palaces of Lamibe and Sultans of Northern Cameroon: Between Slavery and Freedom*


17:10 Discussion

**Dinner, Ristorante “SottoSopra”**

18 September

**Panel 3, Chair Antonio De Lauri**

9:00 John Christman, *Freedom from the Shadows of Slavery*

9:20 Benjamin Lawrence, *Unfreedom Papers: Asylum Politicization, Anti-Trafficking Advocacy, and Expert Testimony After Neo-Abolitionism*


**10:30 Coffee break**

10:50 Walter Nkiwi, *Youth Mobility, Bondage and Freedom in Cameroon, C.1940s-C.2000: National and Transnational Perspectives*

11:10 Itai Apter, *Early International Anti-Slavery Law – Legitimating Slavery or Legitimate Efforts to Ensure Freedom and Emancipation*

11:30 Marie Rodet, *Exploring Freedom and Emancipation Through the Genealogy of the Category of “Slave Descendant” in Post-slavery Kayes (Mali)*

11:50 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

**Panel 4, Chair Benjamin Lawrence**

14:30 Eric Hanonou, *The Quest for Honor and Citizenship in Post-slavery Borgu (Benin)*

14:50 Carlos Fallas Santamaria, *Contesting Freedom in Colonial Kenya*

15:10 Valerio Colosio, ‘Citizens of a Chief’. *State Building, Emancipation and Elites Control in the Guéra Region (Chad)*

15:30 Munir Kazmi, *Women Slavery in Tribal Societies of Pakistan*

**15:50 Coffee break**

16:05 Luca Nevola, *Turning Descent into Race: The Emancipation of the Yemeni Populace from the Hashemite Tyrant*

16:25 Musa Ibrahim, *Freedom of and from Religious Bondage: Hausa Filmmakers and their Struggles for Freedom of Filmmaking and Expression in the Sharia Age of Northern Nigeria*

16:45 Discussion

**17:45 Conclusion**

Wrap-up, Alice Bellagamba

Publication plans, Antonio De Lauri