



# Slavery and Slave Trade in Ethiopia and Beyond

**SLAFNET Spring School**

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**15-19 April 2019**

**Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa University**

## Program



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## Monday April 15, 2019

### Welcome and Kick-off

- 8-9am Registration & Greetings
- 9-10.30am Welcome by Prof. Ahmed Hassen, Giulia Bonacci and the Ethiopian SLAFNET team  
Presentation by Marie-Pierre Ballarin, SLAFNET PI  
Presentation by Jean-Luc Martineau, AEGIS representative  
Presentation by Alexander Meckelburg: *At the margins of empires: The legacies of slavery and the slave trade in Eastern Africa*  
Formal launch by Dr. Jeilu Oumer, Academic Vice President //Dr. Mitike Molla Vice, President for Research & Technology Transfer and Community Service (AAU)
- 10.30-11am Coffee break
- 11-12pm Tour of IES and of the exhibition by Prof. Ahmed Zekaria, Messay Yohannes & Dereje Birhanu

### Lectures I. Trends in the study of slavery and slave trade in Africa

- 2-3pm **Political and social impact of the Atlantic slave trade and of its abolition in West Africa**  
Jean-Luc Martineau (INALCO / Paris Diderot)
- 3-4pm **The Gumuz to the West of Agawmidir and their neighbors, 1898-1935**  
Abdussamad H. Ahmad (Addis Ababa University)
- 4 - 4.30pm Coffee break
- 4.30-5.30pm **Ethiopian abolition in the African and Global Mirror**  
Benedetta Rossi (University of Birmingham)

## Tuesday April 16, 2019

### Lectures II. Trends in the study of slavery and slave trade in Africa

- 9-10am **Ex-slaves' families and citizenship: An evolving marginalization of South Sudanese in Sudan**  
Mohamed A. G. Bakhit (University of Khartoum)
- 10-11am **Slavery, heritage, marginalization and conflict on the Kenyan Coast**  
Samuel Nyanchoga (Catholic University of Eastern Africa)
- 11-11.30am Coffee break
- 11.30-12.30pm **Themes in the study of the Indian Ocean slave trade**  
Meera Venkatachalam (University of Mumbai)

### Graduate workshop I. History & Memory

Chair: Giulia Bonacci (IRD/URMIS)

- 2-3pm **Oral history among the Mao in Western Oromia. The identity of descendants of domestic workers**  
Sophie Küspert-Rakotondrainy (Independent)
- 3-4pm **Slavery, state and missionary: Reflection on the roles of Dubala Biru (1910-1965), a former Dawuro slave and first Omotic bible translator, Southern Ethiopia**  
Admasu Abebe (Addis Ababa University)

4-5pm **Slavery in 19th century Harar City State: An insight in cases from court documents**  
Dr. Muna Abubeker (Addis Ababa University)

5-6pm **Slavery and slave trade in Ethiopia with particular reference to Gambella**  
Awoke Atinafu (Institute of Peace and Security Studies)

### Wednesday April 17, 2019

#### **Documenting slavery I. Visit to the National Archives of Ethiopia**

9-10.30am **Introduction to the National Archives**  
Abey Hailu (National Archives and Library Agency)

10.30-11am Coffee break

11-12.30 pm **Unsilencing the archive: Finding slave legacies in the National Archives of Ethiopia**  
Lacy Noel Feigh (University of Pennsylvania) & Tigist Getachew (Independent)

#### **Graduate workshop II. Literature & Orality**

*Chair: Takele Merid (IES)*

2-3pm **Representation of slavery and class in Kafa proverbs**  
Mesfin Wodajo (Addis Ababa University)

3-4pm **Resistance against slavery in *Matigari* by Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o**  
Getnet Tibebu (Addis Ababa University)

4-5pm **I sing, so I liberate my people: an anti-oppression rhetoric in Oromo songs**  
Mekwanent Tilahun Desta (Addis Ababa University)

#### **Documenting slavery II. Film screening @ Alliance Ethio-française**

6.30-9pm "Slavery Routes" (Documentary screening & Debate)

### Thursday April 18, 2019

#### **Public roundtable. New perspectives in the study of slavery and slave trade in Ethiopia**

*Chair: Teferi Mekonnen (Institute of Ethiopian Studies)*

9-9.30am **(Re)Interpreting Orlando Patterson's theory of "Slavery and Social Death"**  
Abebe Fentahun (University of Gondar)

9.30-10am **Dwelling on the past: the Gumuz memories of the Agäw slave raids in North Western Ethiopia**  
Desalegn Amsalu (Institute of Ethiopian Studies)

10-10.30am **Memories of slavery and perceptions of socioeconomic statuses among the Berta people, North Western Ethiopia**  
Takele Merid (Institute of Ethiopian Studies)

10.30-11am Coffee break

- 11-11.30am **Roots and manifestations of marginalization: an exploration of socio-economic and political condition of slave descendants in Ethiopia**  
Akalework Mengesha (Wolaitta Sodo University)
- 11.30-12pm **Dismemberment, social degradation and pessimistic future: The slave *psycho-moral* life along the long-distance trade routes**  
Ahmed Hassen (Institute of Ethiopian Studies)
- 12-12.30pm **Discussion**

### **Graduate workshop III. Abolition**

*Chair: Benedetta Rossi (University of Birmingham)*

- 2-3pm **The Role of the Church Missionary Society in reconstructing post-slavery identities in Frere Town and Rabai (Kenya), 1840-2010**  
Melvine C. Lilechi (Catholic University of Eastern Africa)
- 3-4pm **Slavery, abolition and aftermath developments among Omotic societies of Southwestern Ethiopia**  
Bosha Bombe (University of Pavia)
- 4-5pm **From the abolition of slavery to the integration and empowerment of former slaves and their descendants in Tegray, Northern Ethiopia**  
Fesseha Berhe (Mekelle University)
- 5-6pm **Punishing slavery: Enforcing abolition in Ethiopia post-1940**  
Lacy Noel Feigh (University of Pennsylvania)

**Friday April 19, 2019**

### **Graduate workshop IV. Migration & Citizenship**

*Chair: Alexander Meckelburg (Hiob Ludolf Centre for Ethiopian Studies/Universität Hamburg)*

- 8-9am **Retracing the history of slave trade from Shoa to Tajoura: Ethnographic analysis**  
Nathan Belay (Samara University)
- 9-10am **The politics of modern slavery and integration of migrant workers: the case of Ruanda-Urundi migrants in the Uganda Protectorate**  
Faith Atuhumuze (Makerere University, Uganda & LPED, France)
- 10-10.30am Coffee break
- 10.30-11.30am **Changes and continuity in status related to slavery among the Dube minorities of Bale lowlands, Ethiopia**  
Kefyalew Tessema (Addis Ababa University)
- 11.30-12.30pm **Historical slavery and current legal status: South Sudanese and citizenship right in Khartoum, Sudan**  
Rania Awad Madani (University of Khartoum)