

2nd Leiden Slavery Studies Association Biennial ‘Slaving Zones’ Conference

**SLAVERY AND FORCED LABOUR IN ASIA, C. 1250-C.1900:
CONTINUITIES AND TRANSFORMATIONS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE**

1-3 June, 2017

Conference Programme

Thursday 1 June

Venue: Gravensteen 0.11, Leiden

8:45-9:15 Coffee and Registration

9:15-9:35 Opening Remarks: Jeff Fynn-Paul (Leiden University)
Richard Allen (Framingham State University)

9:45-10:45 **Keynote Lecture 1: Anthony Reid (Australian National University)**

“Slavery and Forced Labour in Asia: Status Quaestionis”

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 **Panel 1: *Conceptualizing Slave Status in Asia***

Chair: Damian Pargas (Leiden University)

Discussant: Joseph C. Miller (University of Virginia)

Jennifer Gaynor (SUNY at Buffalo), “Why Littoral Societies Matter for
Understanding Precolonial and European Slave Trade in Southeast Asia”

Alicia Schrikker (Leiden University) and Nira Wickramasinghe (Leiden
University), “The Ambivalence of Freedom: Slaves in Jaffna (Sri Lanka)
in the 17th-19th Centuries”

Christopher Lovins (Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology), “The
Disputed Status of the *Nobi* in Korean Society”

Trude Jacobsen (Northern Illinois University), “‘Slavery’ and Sexual Labour in
Mainland Southeast Asia”

12:30-14:00 Catered Lunch – Location Gravensteen

14:00-15:30 **Panel 2: *Problematizing Free and Unfree Lives***

Chair: Jeff Fynn-Paul (Leiden University)

Discussant: Jean Gelman Taylor (University of New South Wales)

Michael Bennett (University of Sheffield), “By the original constitution these are lookt upon to be a sort of slaves to the Company’: Asian Coolies, Enslaved Labourers, and the ‘Peopling’ of East India Company Colonies, 1668-1730”

Kate Ekama (Leiden University), “Connected Lives of the Free and Unfree in Eighteenth-Century Colombo”

Jessica Hinchy (Nanyang Technological University), “Discipleship and ‘Eunuch Slavery’: The Nineteenth Century *Hijra* Community in North India”

Rachel Kurian (International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University), “Debt, Socio-Cultural Hierarchies and Plantation Labour in Nineteenth-Century Sri Lanka”

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:30 **Panel 3: *Slavery, Slave Trading, and Borderlands***

Chair: Richard Allen (Framingham State University)

Discussant: Felicia Rosu (Leiden University)

Oleksandr Halenko (Institute of History of Ukraine), “At the Gates of Tartar: The Slave Trading Network of the Genoese in the Northern Black Sea”

Mikhail Kizilov (Centre for Russian Folklore, Moscow), “The Crimean Port of Caffa (Kefe) as a Slave Trade Centre between Europe and the Muslim East: 1260s-1770s”

Güçlü Tülüveli (Middle East Technical University), “Slave Trading Networks in Early Modern Ottoman Empire: The Russian and the Caucasian Cases”

17:45-18:30 Borrel (Dutch Tapas) Venue TBA

Friday 2 June

Venue: Gravensteen 0.11, Leiden

9:00-10:30 **Panel 4: *Slavery and the State in East Asia***

Chair: Jessica Hinchy (Nanyang Technological University)

Discussant: Bonny Ling (University of Zurich)

Don J. Wyatt (Middlebury College), “Slavery in China under Mongol Dominion”

Harriet Zurndorfer (Leiden University), “Economic, Social, and Legal Aspects of Slavery and Indentured Labor in Late Ming China (1500-1645): What Ming Legal Casebooks Tell Us”

Matthew Lauer (University of California, Los Angeles), “The Gang-Beating of the Slave Myongaek: One Magistrate’s Representation of Slave Resistance”

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 **Panel 5: *Slaves, Slave Trading, and European Colonialism: 16th and 17th Centuries***

Chair: Jennifer Gaynor (SUNY at Buffalo)

Discussant: Matthias van Rossum (International Institute of Social History)

Lúcio de Sousa (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies), “Portuguese Slavery in Early Modern Japan”

Stephanie Mawson (Cambridge University), “Slavery, Labour and Debt Servitude in the Seventeenth-Century Spanish Philippines”

Stephanie Hassel (Duke University), “Slavery, Religious Identity, and the Portuguese Imperial Project in India, c. 1510-1700”

12:30-14:00 Lunch – (On your own)

14:00-15:30 **Panel 6: *Slaves, Slave Trading, and European Colonialism: 18th-19th Centuries***

Chair: Don Wyatt (Middlebury College)

Discussant: Preben Kaarsholm (Roskilde University)

Titus Chakaborty (Oberlin College), “From Slavery to Freedom: Household Workers of the East India Company Ports in Early Eighteenth-Century Bengal”

Jean Gelman Taylor (University of New South Wales), “Inventory and Testimony: Indonesian Slaves at the Cape of Good Hope”

Hans Hägerdal (Linnaeus University), “Slavery Through Missionary Lenses: Timor in the 19th Century”

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 **Keynote Lecture 2: James Warren (Murdoch University)**

“Slavery and Pearling in the Sulu Zone, 1881-1886 –The Letters of Thomas Haynes”

18:30 Dinner for Keynote Speakers (by invitation)

Saturday 3 June

Venue: Gravensteen, or Lipsius Building, Leiden

9:00-10:30 **Panel 7: *The Winds of Abolitionism and “New Systems of Slavery”***

Chair: Hans Hägerdal (Linnaeus University)

Discussant: Richard Allen (Framingham State University)

Shawna Herzog (Washington State University), “Domesticating Labor on the Asian Frontier: Slavery and Abolitionism in the Straits Settlements, 1795-1830”

Bonny Ling (University of Zurich), “International Law and the Abolition of Slavery in China at the Turn of the Twentieth Century”

Preben Kaarsholm (Roskilde University), “From Protector of Slaves to Protector of Immigrants: Humanitarian Imperialism and the Transformations of Labor Recruitment in the Western Indian Ocean from the Early 19th Century”

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 **Round Table: *The Future of Slavery Studies in Asia***

Commentators: Jeff Fynn-Paul (Leiden University)
Joseph C. Miller (University of Virginia)