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(Un)Freedom in Global Perspective

Actors – Perceptions – Agencies

Innsbruck, 3rd/4th February 2025 (Ágnes-Heller-Haus, Innrain 52a, Kleiner Hörsaal)

Programme

Monday, 3rd February 2025

8.30 Registration
9.00 Welcome Address (Dirk Rupnow)
9.10 Opening Remarks (Florian Ambach & Elena Taddei)

9.30 – 11.00 Panel 1: Mediterranean (Un)Freedom

Chair: Dirk Rupnow (Innsbruck)

Teresa Peláez-Domínguez (Valencia): *Coerced labour in the 16th-century galleys: Work, (un)freedom and mobility in the early modern Mediterranean*
A. Jorge Aguilera-López (Helsinki): *Shipwrights in Shackles: Expertise and Captivity on the Early Modern Barbary Coast*
Firdevs Bulut (Izmir): *Dynamics of Slave Labor in the 19th Century in the Hinterland of Izmir*

11.00 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 Panel 2: Imprisonment, Agency, and Escape

Chair: Gunda Barth-Scalmani (Innsbruck)

Samuele Virga (Verona): *The 'Taifa' of the Turks and the Slave Merchants of Livorno. Agency, Labor, and Self-Ransom (17th–18th Centuries)*
Chechesh Kudachinova (Berlin): *„Like a Caged Bird“: Captivity and „Social Coma“ in 17th-Century Siberia*
Teresa Petrik (St. Pölten): *„Devil, I have to get out!“ Strategies of escaping imprisonment and negotiations of (un)freedom in 18th-century Vienna and Upper Austria*

13.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.00 Panel 3: Materialities

Chair: Elena Taddei (Innsbruck)

Joseph L. Yannielli (Birmingham, UK): *The Technology of Captivity: Collars, Chains, and Counterinsurgency*
Susanna Asthon (Clemson): *The Slave Pass: A Cultural History*

15.00 Coffee Break

15.30 – 17.00 Panel 4: (Un)Freedom in the Age of Abolition

Chair: Levke Harders (Innsbruck)

Elyssa Gage (Wilkes-Barre): *Speaking of Rebellion: Justifying Unfreedom in the Reestablishment of Slavery in Guadeloupe, 1801–1803*
Elena Barattini (Turin): *Diasporic Agencies: „Time-Expired Coolies“, Negotiations and Mobilities in the Caribbean (1860–1882)*
Stephanie E. Jones-Rogers (Berkeley): *She „bought negroes from jail“: White Women and the Afterlives of Slavery*

17.00 Break

17.15 – 18.15 Keynote

Moderation: Niels Grüne (Innsbruck)

Michael Zeuske (Bonn/Cologne): *Global histories of slavery and the self-representations of slaves*

19.00 Dinner

Tuesday, 4th February 2025

9.00 – 11.00 Panel 5: (Un)Freedom and Labour in Colonial Contexts

Chair: Marina Hilber (Innsbruck)

Martin Gabriel (Klagenfurt): *Colonial Labor, (Un)Freedom, and Agency in Early Modern Spanish America*
Lara-Marie Frick (Heidelberg/Paris): *Voluntary Unfreedom for Freedom's Sake. German(-speaking) engagés and the French Colonial Projects in Louisiana (1720) and Guiana (1763)*
Philipp Huber (Amsterdam/Nijmegen): *The Unfree population of Macau in its Parish Registers*
Julian zur Lage (Hamburg): *Indentured Migration in the Pacific Ocean World: Global Politics and Individual Agency, ca. 1860–1900*

11.00 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 Panel 6: (Un)Freedom, Gender, and Family

Chair: Ellinor Forster (Innsbruck)

Johannes Gradel (Tübingen): *Agency and Representation of Enslaved Women in the Capuchin Hospice of Kimbangu, Kingdom of Kongo (1701)*
Turkana Allahverdiyeva (Bonn): *Agents of Change: Slaves in the Family Setting of Early Modern Crimean Khanate*
Kate Ekama/Benjamin Crous (Stellenbosch): *Enslaved women and the body as resistance at the Cape Colony*

13.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 Panel 7: Transatlantic Reflections of (Un)Freedom and Resistance

Chair: Eric Burton (Innsbruck)

Florian Ambach (Innsbruck): *Ports to (Un)Freedom. Capuchin Missionaries in West Central African Hubs of the Slave Trade*
Yevan Terrien (Lafayette): *Black Unfreedom, Marronage, and Customary Rights in the Slave Society of Early New Orleans*
Diego Schibelinski (Bonn): *Maritime bondage: The dual role of slavery and the fighting for freedom on board the slave ships*

15.30 – 16.00 Closing Remarks (Florian Ambach & Elena Taddei)

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