



INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

Far from Freedom

Enslaved, Freed, Liberated, and Indentured Workers in the Americas and the Southern Atlantic World

16 - 18 June 2022

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Slaves in coffee farm, 1855. © Marc Ferrez

– Thursday June 16

Uni Bastions | Amphitheatre B111

18:00

Keynote Speech

Beatriz Mamigonian (Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Florianópolis)
Forced labor and the archives

– Friday, 17 June

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PANEL 1: 10:00–11:30 | CHILD LABOR AND “APPRENTICING FOR FREEDOM”

Chair and moderator: **Marcela Echeverri** (Yale University)

Aline Helg (Université de Genève)

Gradual manumission laws from Pennsylvania to Río de la Plata and the forced labor of the “free-womb” children

Christine Whyte (University of Glasgow)

“Her Affecting Story”: Benomê and liberated African child labor in the British Caribbean

PANEL 2: 12:00–13:30 | PATHS TO FREEDOM AND WAGE LABOR

Chair and moderator: **Melina Teubner** (University of Bern)

Mariana P. Cândido (Emory University, Atlanta)

Enslaved women’s access to freedom in nineteenth-century Angola

Bronwen Everill (University of Cambridge)

Working for wages in nineteenth-century West Africa

PANEL 3: 15:00–16:30 | INDIGENOUS AND ENSLAVED MOBILITIES

Chair and moderator: **Antoine Acker** (Graduate Institute)

Karina Melo (Universidade de Pernambuco, Garanhuns)

Political modernity: indigenous labor and freedom in the border area of Río de La Plata in the 1810s

Camillia Cowling (Warwick University)

Captura: between “slave-moving” and enslaved mobilities in mid-nineteenth-century Cuba

PANEL 4: 17:00–18:30 | THE “SECOND SLAVERY” AND THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

Chair and moderator: **Roquinaldo Ferreira** (University of Pennsylvania)

Juelma da Conceição Gomes de Matos Ngala (Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory, Frankfurt)

From the “house” to the court: litigating for freedom in Benguela from 1850 to 1878

Henrique Espada Lima (Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Florianópolis)

Putting a price on freedom: assessing the value of labor in slavery and freedom in nineteenth-century Brazil

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PANEL 5: 9:00–10:30 | POSTSLAVERY LABOR CONTRACTS

IN THE NEW “HORROR COLONIES”

Chair and moderator: **Claude Lützel Schwab** (Université de Neuchâtel)

Maysa Espindola Souza (Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Florianópolis and Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory, Frankfurt)

Colonial labor on trial: freedom, agency, and dependency in Portuguese Guinea (1917–1935)

Alexander Keese (Université de Genève)

Finding new practices of contract labor (and indentured labor): Suriname and São Tomé e Príncipe seen from the late period of labor exploitation in the 1930s

PANEL 6: 10:45–12:30 | POSTSLAVERY LABOR LEGISLATION:

FROM LOCAL TO INTERNATIONAL

Chair and moderator: **Juan Flores** (Université de Genève)

Paulo Cruz Terra (Universidade Federal Fluminense, Niterói)

Strikes, labor and anti-vagrancy policies in the abolition process (Brazil and Portuguese Africa)

Miguel Bandeira Jerônimo (Universidade de Coimbra)

From Berlin to Geneva: the internationalization of African colonial labor (1880s–1920s)

13:15–14:15

Concluding Comments

Marcela Echeverri (Yale University)

Roquinaldo Ferreira (University of Pennsylvania)