



## *VI International Conference on Forced African Labour*

### ***Slavery, Migration, and Contemporary Bondage in Africa***

*Wilberforce Institute, 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> of September 2009*

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#### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September

4.00pm. Conference Registration Opens.

*Session One: 6.00-7.30pm. WISE Lecture Theatre.*

Introduction: Joel Quirk, Wilberforce Institute, University of Hull.

Keynote Lecture: Paul Lovejoy, The Harriet Tubman Institute, York University.

Dr Paul Lovejoy is a Distinguished Research Professor in the Department of History at York University in Toronto. He holds the Canada Research Chair in African Diaspora History and is Director of the Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on the Global Migrations of African Peoples at York University. He is also Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a member of the International Scientific Committee of the UNESCO Slave Route Project. Paul Lovejoy's recent books include *Slavery, Commerce and Production in West Africa: Slave Society in the Sokoto Caliphate and Ecology and Ethnography of Muslim Trade in West Africa*, along with co-edited works on *Africa and Trans-Atlantic Memories: Literary and Aesthetic Manifestations of Diaspora and History*, *Repercussions of the Atlantic Slave Trade: The Interior of the Bight of Biafra and the African Diaspora*, *Enslaving Connections: Changing Cultures of Africa and Brazil during the Era of Slavery*, and *Pawnship, Slavery and Colonialism in Africa*. His award winning book *Transformations in Slavery: A History of Slavery in Africa* has also been translated into Portuguese in the prestigious series, *Civilização Brasileira*, as *A escravidão na África*.

7.30-9.00pm. Wine and Cheese Reception.

Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of September

*Session Two: 9.00.10.30am, WISE Lecture Theatre.*

**Patterns of Migration and Settlement in Early Modern Africa.**

Filipa Ribeiro da Silva, African Studies Centre Leiden, University of Leiden.

African Labour and European Migration in Pre-Colonial West Africa: Dutch and Portuguese Migrants and African Slave and Free Workers, 1580s-1670s.

David Richardson, Wilberforce Institute, University of Hull.

Assessing the demographic and social costs to Africa of the export slave trade to the Americas: the case of the Gambia.

Éva Sebestyén, The Centro de Estudos Africanos, Universidade do Porto.

*A Longue Durée* History of Domestic Slaves in Mbundu Villages Chiefs' "Archives" (Angola)

*Session Three: 9.00.10.30am, WISE Video Conferencing Suite.*

**The Boundaries of Freedom and Coercion.**

Jennifer Lofkrantz, Franklin and Marshall College.

Strategies for the Prevention of Illegal Enslavement: The Sokoto Caliphate Example.

Feisal Farah, The Harriet Tubman Institute, York University.

Not Yet Uhuru/Not Yet Cleansed: The Long Road of Emancipation for Slaves in Mombasa.

Stacey Sommerdyk, Wilberforce Institute, University of Hull.

Enslavement Through Migration: Central African Pygmies and External Interlopers.

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*Session Four: 11.00-12.30pm. WISE Lecture Theatre.*

**Colonial Taxation and Labour Exploitation in West Central Africa.**

Maciel Santos, Centro de Estudos Africanos, Universidade do Porto.

An Old Question as a New Answer: Native Taxation in Angola after 1907.

Philip Havik, Centro de Estudos Africanos, Universidade do Porto.

The Long Road from Hut to Personal Tax: Policies and Practices in Portuguese Guinea.

Augustin Roland D'Almeida, The Harriet Tubman Institute, York University.

Colonisation and Forced Labour In Africa: The Construction of the Railroad in Congo-Brazzaville, 1921-1934.

*Session Five: 11.00-12.30pm. WISE Video Conference Suite.*

### **Migration and Labour Exploitation in Southern Africa.**

Nicholas Evans, Wilberforce Institute, University of Hull.

Slavery, Migration and the Jewish Diaspora in sub-Saharan Africa, 1838-1994.

Fredrik Lilja, Uppsala University.

Child Labour in South Africa, c. 1870-1960.

Francis Musoni, Emory University.

Negotiating Colonial Travel Restrictions: Zimbabwean Migrants to South Africa, 1912-1974.

LUNCH.

*Session Six: 1.30-3.00pm. WISE Lecture Theatre.*

### **Evolving Patterns of Migration and Exploitation in the Western Sahel.**

Lotte Pelckmans, African Studies Centre Leiden, University of Leiden .

The *Bonne* as a Modern *Kordo*? The Disciplining of Domestic Workers in Fulbe Society.

Isaie Dougnon, University of Bamako.

Labour Migration or Child Trafficking? An Historical Analysis of the Case of Dogon Land.

Benedetta Rossi, University of Liverpool.

Social and Physical Mobility in Keita (Tahoua, Niger).

*Session Seven. 1.30.3.00pm. WISE Video Conference Suite.*

### **Decolonisation and Labour Exploitation in Lusophone Africa.**

Alexander Keese, Centro de Estudos Africanos, Universidade do Porto.

From Colonial Abuses to Post-Colonial Deception: Forced Labour, Decolonisation and the *Serviçal* Population in São Tomé and Príncipe, 1951-1981.

Frank Luce, The Harriet Tubman Institute, York University.

Armed Struggle, the ILO and Labour Inspection: The Abolition of Forced Labour in Angola.

Tobias Drehsen, University of Trier.

The San and the Portuguese Military Campaign in the Angolan Decolonisation Conflict (1961-1974): Continuities of Slavery and Forced Labour.

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*Session Eight: 3.30-5pm. WISE Lecture Theatre.*

Introduction: David Richardson, Wilberforce Institute, University of Hull.

Keynote Lecture: Toyin Falola, University of Texas, Austin.

Dr. Toyin Falola is the Frances Higginbotham Nalle Centennial Professor in History and a Distinguished Teaching Professor at the University of Texas at Austin. He is a Fellow of the Historical Society of Nigeria and A Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Letters. He has received various awards and honours, including the Jean Holloway Award for Teaching Excellence, the Texas Exes Teaching Award, and the Ibn Khaldun Distinguished Award for Research Excellence, and the Distinguished Fellow, Ibadan Cultural Group. Toyin Falola has published numerous books, including *Key Events in African History: A Reference Guide*, *Nationalism and African Intellectuals*, and many edited books including *Tradition and Change in Africa* and *African Writers and Readers*. He is the co-editor of the *Journal of African Economic History*, Series Editor of *Rochester Studies in African History and the Diaspora*, and the Series Editor of the *Culture and Customs of Africa* by Greenwood Press.

BREAK

7pm to late: Conference Dinner at Two Rivers Restaurant at 'The Deep', which is one of the most spectacular aquariums in Europe. The award winning Deep is home to 40 sharks and over 3,500 fish, and is an easy 10 minute walk from the Wilberforce Institute along the Humber Estuary.

Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of September.

*Session Nine. 9.00-10.30am. WISE Lecture Theatre.*

### **The Past in the Present: The Legacies of Slavery in Africa.**

Joël Noret, Centre d'Anthropologie Culturelle Institut de Sociologie.  
Contrasts and Contestations in the Memory of Local Slavery in Southern Benin.

Ella Keren, Open University of Israel  
In the Chains of the Past: Slavery in the Collective Memory in Ghana.

Nicodemus Fru Awasom and Ousman Bojang, University of the Gambia.  
Societal Sustenance of the Legacy of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade on the Gambia.

*Session Ten. 9.00-10.30am. WISE Video Conferencing Suite.*

### **The Past in the Present: Ending Slavery in Sudan?**

Elena Vezzadini, University of Bergen.  
"My Diggle belongs to those who haven't read Plato's Republic": Colonial Administration and the Question of Slavery During the First 25 Years of Colonial Rule in the Sudan.

Siddig Elzailaee, London Metropolitan University.

Origin of Economic Marginalisation of the Nuba People of Sudan.

Naomi Pendle, Wellington College/University of Oxford.

Who Should Redeem Slaves: An Analysis of the Economics of Slave Redemption.

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*Session Eleven: 11.00am-12.00pm. WISE Lecture Theatre.*

**Linking Past and Present in West Africa. Part One.**

Laura Murphy, Ithaca College.

Slaves in the Family: African Domestic Slavery, Labour, and Kinship Past and Present.

Benjamin Lawrance, University of California, Davis.

Eradicating Shrine “Wives” and Fishing “Boys”: Drafting Anti-Child Trafficking Legislation in West Africa, c. 1990-2007.

*Session Twelve 11.00am-12.00pm. WISE Video Conferencing Suite.*

**Migration and Governance in Africa. Part One.**

O.A. K’Akumu and W.H.A Olima, University of Nairobi.

Colonial and Modern Nairobi: A Tale of Two Eras and One Master-Servant City.

Hanan Sabea, American University in Cairo.

Discourses of Free Flow, Practices of Containment: Recruiting, Contracts and Labour Migration in Tanzania and Egypt.

LUNCH

*Session Thirteen 1.00pm-2.00pm. WISE Lecture Theatre.*

**Migration and Governance in Africa. Part Two.**

Ambe Njoh, University of South Florida.

Urban Planning on the Making of Racially Segregated Towns in Colonial Africa.

Darshan Vigneswaran, Forced Migration Studies Programme, University of the Witwatersrand.

Birds of a Feather: Segregation and Immigration Control in Johannesburg.

*Session Fourteen 1.00pm-2.00pm. WISE Video Conferencing Suite.*

**Linking Past and Present in West Africa. Part Two.**

Mariusz Kraśniewski, Polish Academy of Sciences.  
Ritual Slavery in West Africa: The *Trokosi* Institution.

Isidore Lobnibe, Western Oregon University.  
From Unfree Labourers to Commercial Farm Operators: A Paradox of Post-Colonial Agrarian Decline among Northern Ghanaian Migrants.

SHORT BREAK

*Session Fifteen 2.10-3.40pm. WISE Lecture Theatre.*

### **The Limits of Legal Solutions.**

Chouki El Hamel, Arizona State University.  
British and French Anti-Slavery Societies and the Abolition of Slavery in Morocco

Zekeria Ould Ahmed Salem, University of Nouakchott.  
'Bare-footed activists' Against Chattel Slavery: Abolition, Bondage Vestiges and Politics in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Adam Mahamat, University of Ngaoundéré.  
Slaves Descendants in Northern Cameroon : Problem of Emancipation, Identity and Social Discrimination.

*Session Sixteen 2.10-3.40pm. WISE Video Conferencing Suite.*

### **Voices of Slaves: Past and Present.**

Jeffrey Gunn, The Harriet Tubman Institute, York University.  
The Power of the African Narrative and Fair Trade Movements: Parallel Between Late 18<sup>th</sup> Century Freedom Narratives and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Child Soldier Autobiographies.

Pietro Deandrea, University of Torino.  
Ghostly Voices: Narratives of Contemporary Slavery in the UK.

Karlee Sapoznik, The Harriet Tubman Institute, York University.  
"He didn't give me a choice. I said okay because I didn't want to die"; Servile Marriage in Modern Day Somalia.

*Session Seventeen. 2.10-3.40pm. Wilberforce House Education Room.*

### **Human Rights Activism and the 'Lessons' of History.**

David Wilkins, Wilberforce Institute, University of Hull.  
Repairing Historical Wrongs in Africa: The Need for Holistic Frankness.

Richard Burchill, University of Hull.  
International Human Rights Law and Africa: A Tool for the Eradication of Slavery?

Joel Quirk, Wilberforce Institute, University of Hull.

Historical Inquiry as Contemporary Instruction: The Abolition of Slavery in Africa and the Americas.

AFTERNOON TEA

*Session Eighteen 4.10-5.20pm. WISE Lecture Theatre.*

**Concluding Plenary Session: Historical Practices and Contemporary Problems.**

Kevin Bales, Free the Slaves and Wilberforce Institute.

Ending Modern Slavery in Africa.

Kevin Bales is President of Free the Slaves, the US sister organization of Anti-Slavery International, and Visiting Professor at the Wilberforce Institute for the Study of Slavery and Emancipation, University of Hull. His book *Disposable People: New Slavery in the Global Economy* was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, and published in ten languages. The film based on his book, which he co-wrote, won a Peabody Award and two Emmy Awards. He was awarded the Laura Smith Davenport Human Rights Award in 2005; the Judith Sargeant Murray Award for Human Rights in 2004; and the Human Rights Award of the University of Alberta in 2003. He has been a consultant to the UN Global Program on Human Trafficking, and has advised the US, British, Irish, Norwegian, and Nepali governments on slavery and human trafficking policy. Kevin Bales other recent works include *Understanding Global Slavery*, *Ending Slavery: How We Will Free Today's Slaves* and *The Slave Next Door: Human Trafficking and Slavery in America Today*.

Rhoda Howard-Hassmann, Wilfrid Laurier University.

Reparations to Africa.

Dr Rhoda E. Howard-Hassmann is Canada Research Chair in International Human Rights at Wilfrid Laurier University, where she holds a joint appointment in the Department of Global Studies and the Balsillie School of International Affairs. She is also a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation in Waterloo and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. In 2006 she was named the first Distinguished Scholar of Human Rights by the Human Rights Section, American Political Science Association. Rhoda Howard-Hassmann's recent books include *Compassionate Canadians: Civic Leaders Discuss Human Rights* and *Reparations to Africa*, along with co-edited works on *Economic Rights in Canada and the United States* and *The Age of Apology: Facing up to the Past*. She is also a member of the editorial boards of the *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, *Buffalo Human Rights Law Review*, *Citizenship Studies*, *Human Rights and the Global Economy*, *Human Rights and Human Welfare*, *Human Rights Quarterly*, *Human Rights Review*, *Journal of Human Rights*, *Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights*, the Georgetown University Press *Advancing Human Rights* series, and the Oxford University Press *Encyclopedia of Human Rights*.

*Session Nineteen. 5.20-5.30pm. WISE Lecture Theatre.*

Summary and Concluding Remarks: Darshan Vigneswaran, Forced Migration Studies Programme, University of the Witwatersrand.