

**„Black Presence and Practices of Enslavement in 18th Century
Central and Northern Europe“,
conference Bremen, 7.-9. November 2013
organizers: Prof. Sabine Broeck (Black Studies)/ Prof. Rebekka v. Mallinckrodt
(Early Modern History)**

In recent years, research on slavery in Europe has increased immensely. However, this latest wave of research clearly shows thematic priorities as well as absences. Whereas publications and projects in and about Western Europe and the Mediterranean have multiplied, it remains difficult to find experts on slavery in eighteenth-century Northern and Central Europe. Despite the fact that scholars seem to be more and more interested in the entanglements of economical developments and slavery in countries such as Denmark and Sweden, the Dutch Republic as well as the Holy Roman Empire, which we want to focus on, much of the research is still in its early stages. The investigation of Central- and Northern European's direct and indirect involvement in the slave trade also implies a renewed conceptual discussion about the understanding of slavery. By inviting Black Studies representatives as well as experts on Southern- and Western European slavery as respondents, the organizers aim to advance the research on Central and Northern Europe through the rich empirical and theoretical knowledge of these experts. In turn, the former's purview will be widened by that perspective on Central and Northern Europe.

Thursday, 7th November 2013

14:00-14:30 Welcome and Introduction (Sabine Broeck and Rebekka v. Mallinckrodt)

14:30-17:40 Section I: Boarders, Travellers, and Traders

Respondents: Wolfgang Kaiser (Paris) and Rinaldo Walcott (Toronto)

14:30-14:55 Klaus Weber (Frankfurt/O.): „Central European Merchants, Commodities and Capital in the Atlantic Slave Trade, 1680s-1830s“

14:55-15:20 Dienne Hondius (Amsterdam): „Mapping and redefining slave-ownership: a new historical approach“

15:20-15:50 Questions, Feedback, and Discussions I

15:50-16:20 coffee break

16:20-16:45 Gunvor Simonsen (Copenhagen): „Making Visions of Africa: Frederic Svane and Christian Proffen (two Africans) in Denmark and on the Gold Coast”

16:45-17:10 Louise Sebros (Copenhagen): „Trusted Servant or Slave. Different African Caribbean Experiences in Copenhagen in the 1730s and 1740s”

17:10-17:40 Questions, Feedback, and Discussions II

19:00 dinner

Friday, 8th November 2013

9:30-16:20 Section II: Practices of Enslavement: Social Spaces and Relations

Respondents: Myriam Cottias (Paris) and Karen E. Fields (Independent Scholar)

09:30-09:55 Manja Quakatz (Bremen): „Are there even European types of slavery? Muslim-ottoman captives in the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation (in the 17th & 18th century)“

09:55-10:20 Maria Diedrich (Münster): „Cassel’s „Mohren“: Slavery, Self-Emancipation and Voice“

10:20-10:50 Questions, Feedback, and Discussions I

10:50-11:20 coffee break

11:20-11:55 Walter Sauer (Vienna): „Beyond Angelo Soliman. Black Presence, Slavery and Emancipation in 18th Century Austria“

11:55-12:20 Joachim Östlund (Lund): „Black Slaves in Sweden during the 18th Century”

12:20-12:50 Questions, Feedback, and Discussions II

12:50-15:00 lunch

15:00-16:30 **roundtable discussion: „Research on Slavery in 18th Century Europe – Institutions, Agendas, State of the Art and Future Research“**

Myriam Cottias (Paris), Klaus Weber (Frankfurt/O.), Kwame Nimako (Amsterdam), Sabine Broeck (Bremen), Gunvor Simonsen (Copenhagen)

19:00 dinner

Saturday, 9th November 2013

9:30-15:50 Section III: Discourses on Slavery and Abolition

Respondents: Eve Rosenhaft (Liverpool) and Alan Rice (Central Lancashire)

09:30-09:55 Heike Raphael-Hernandez (Maryland): „Countess Dorothea v. Zinzendorf and Her Legal Perception of Afro-Moravians“

09:55-10:20 Rebekka v. Mallinckrodt (Bremen): „’That he has a right to freedom’ – 18th Century Prussian Slaves“

10:20-10:50 Questions, Feedback, and Discussions I

10:50-11:20 coffee break

11:20-11:55 Fredrik Thomasson (Uppsala): „Slavery in Sweden and its Caribbean colony: Debates, practices and silences around the year 1800“

11:55-12:20 Sabine Broeck (Bremen): „Slavery As Meta-Discourse for Emerging Bourgeois Entitlements“

12:20-12:50 Questions, Feedback, and Discussions II

12:50-14:30 lunch

14:30-14:55 Sarah Lentz (Bremen): „Laßt und alle (...) freundlich denen die Hand reichen, die es unternehmen, unsere leidenden afrikanischen Mitbürger von dem Elend zu erlösen“. German Abolitionists and the Abolitionist Movement in Europe and the U.S.A. 1770-1807

14:55-15:20 Kwame Nimako (Amsterdam): „The Politics and Economics of Dutch Legal Abolition”

15:20-15:50 Questions, Feedback, and Discussions III

15:50-16:30 Final discussion, plans, and publication

departure

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Registration deadline: October 15th 2013. The number of participants is limited.

The conference fee is 60,-€ (45,- € for students) for all three days; it includes two lunches as well as drinks during coffee breaks and will be payable upon arrival at the conference in Bremen.