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The conference will explore questions around the heritage of slaveries and other forms of strong asymmetrical dependency in history, such as peonage, indentured servitude, bondage, and serfdom in and beyond German global history since the 1450s. For the longest time knowledge production has mainly considered primary sources that often comprise authoritative texts, criminal records, court documents, company archives, and life writings by those who enslaved and exploited men, women, children and who - as merchants of goods and humans - grew rich. Other sources, that is, texts produced by enslaved or bonded people, material remnants, medical and spiritual knowledge, and oral culture as remembered and kept alive in music, dance, and oral literature, were often ignored by western historiography. For this reason, questions pertaining to the agency and resistance of enslaved and dependent people will be of primary importance.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

3:00 PM OPENING

3:30 PM KEYNOTE I: JENNIFER MORGAN (NYU)
The Measure of their Sadness: Slavery, Kinship and the Marketplace in the Early Black Atlantic (Chair: Claudia Jarzebowska)

4:30 PM COFFEE BREAK

5:00 PM PANEL I: LONG LEGACIES AND POLITICAL ENGAGEMENTS (Chair: Susanne Lettow)
Bernadette Brooten (Brandeis University): Christian and Jewish Enslaved Persons and Enslavers: Long Legacies

6:30/ 7:00 PM RECEPTION

THURSDAY, JULY 7

9:30 AM KEYNOTE II: REBEKKA VON MALLINCKRODT (UNIVERSITÄT BREMEN)

10:30 AM COFFEE BREAK

11:00 AM PANEL II: BELONGING AND COMMUNITY BUILDING (Chair: Claudia Jarzebowska)
Ozgül Özdemir (Stanford University) and Yildiz Yılmaz (Boğaziçi University): Glimpses into Lives of Black Eunuchs in the Nineteenth–Century–Ottoman Harem: Histories of Race, Violence, Emotions
Télio Cravo (European University Institute): Neither a History of Slaves in the Atlantic nor a History of Captives in the Mediterranean: Towards a Global History of Enslavement in the early Nineteenth-Century
Ludolf Felizius (Université de Picardie Jules Verne): Exposing People: Persecution, Exposition and

FRIDAY, JULY 8

9:30 AM KEYNOTE IV: RENATE DÜRR (UNIVERSITÄT TÜBINGEN)
The Silence of the Sermons, or What happened to Abraham before his Baptism at the Age of Seventeen? (Chair: Susanne Lettow)

10:30 AM COFFEE BREAK

11:00 AM PANEL IV: SLAVERY AND DEPENDENCY IN GERMAN GLOBAL HISTORY (Chair: Eva Lehner)
Klaus Weber (Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder) and Tobias Skowronek (Universität Bochum): Labor and Commodity Chains behind the Currencies and Barter Goods in the West African Slave Trade (Between Eleventh and Nineteenth Centuries)