

International Conference

## Slavery and Post-Slavery in the Arabian Peninsula At the crossroads of literature and social sciences

### Programme

09.10 Registration

09.30 Opening words by Xavier Luffin (*Professor of Arabic literature, Université Libre de Bruxelles*) & Jihan Safar (*Postdoctoral researcher, OMAM-Maison des sciences humaines, Université Libre de Bruxelles*)

### PANEL 1. Representations, Profiles, and Experiences

**Chairwoman: Marcella Rubino** (*Professor of Modern Arab Literature, Inalco*)

09.40 **Maryam A. Al-Mutawa** (*MPhil Candidate in Arab and Islamic Studies program, University of Exeter*)  
Pearls, Slaves, and Masters: Conditions of Enslaved Pearl Divers in the Arabian Coast

10.00 **Ishaq Tijani** (*Professor of Literature, University of Dubai*)  
*Takrir*: Representations of African Slaves and Slave Descendants in Contemporary Arabian Gulf Literature

10.20 **Nisrine Boulerbah** (*PhD candidate, Université Libre de Bruxelles*)  
Les masculinités des esclaves sexualisés dans *Samahani*

10.40 Discussion

11.00 Coffee break

### PANEL 2. Slavery, Culture, and Knowledge

**Chairman: Xavier Luffin** (*Professor of Arabic Literature, Université Libre de Bruxelles*)

11.20 **Neil van der Linden** (*Musicologist, Amsterdam*)

The Musical Diaspora from East Africa across the Arab Peninsula

11.40 **Ahmed Yaqoub AlMaazmi** (*PhD candidate, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University*)  
Enslaved Bodies and Bodies of Texts: Slavery and Textual Production in Oman and East Africa

12.00 **Sara. J. Musaifer** (*Postdoctoral researcher, New York University Abu Dhabi*)  
Listening for the unsaid: Education, Nation-building and the (Im)possibilities of Black Girlhood in (Post)colonial Bahrain

12.20 Discussion

12.40 Lunch

### PANEL 3. Trafficking Routes

**Chairman: Stéphane Lacroix** (*Professor of political science, Sciences Po*)

13.40 **Viola Pacini** (*PhD student, University of Bologna*)

Capturing People in Arabia: Who Was Enslaved?

14.00 **Matthew S. Hopper** (*Professor of History, California Polytechnic State University*)

After Slavery: Captured Slave Ships and the Relocation of Liberated Africans to Aden, 1861-1897

14.20 **Faisal Abdullah Abualhassan** (*PhD candidate, John Hopkins University*)

Methodological Meditations on the Study of the Midcentury Trans-Saharan Slave Trade to the Arabian Peninsula

14.40 **Elad Giladi** (*Assistant Professor, Dept. of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, University of Haifa*)

Saudi Arabia's "Homegrown" Slavery and Slavery as an Allegory in the Saudi Novel

15.00 Discussion

15.30 Coffee break

## PANEL 4. After Slavery: Labor, Identity, and Race

**Chairman: Gaétan du Roy, Professor of History, UCLouvain**

- 15.50 **Margot Luycfasseel** (*Assistant professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussel*)  
Kisangani's Arabisé Community: Between Enslavement and Privilege (DRCongo, 1870s to today)
- 16.10 **Tajreen Midhat** (*Lecturer, Habib University, Pakistan*)  
Petro Slavery: South Asian Migrations to the Middle East
- 16.30 Discussion
- 16.50 Conclusion