

THE BONN CENTER FOR DEPENDENCY AND SLAVERY STUDIES

hosts the Cluster of Excellence “Beyond Slavery and Freedom”, which aims to overcome the binary opposition of “slavery versus freedom”. For that we approach the phenomenon of slavery and other types of strong asymmetrical dependencies (e.g. debt bondage, convict labor, tributary labor, servitude, serfdom, and domestic work as well as forms of wage labor and various types of patronage) from methodologically and theoretically distinct perspectives.

The research cluster is part of the framework of the Excellence Strategy of the Federal Government and the *Länder* and is free and independent in the selection and realization of its research projects.

Our Cluster of Excellence is a joint project of scholars from the fields of Anthropology, Archaeology, History, Law, Literary Studies, Area Studies (including The History of the Islamic World, Japanese and Chinese Studies, Tibetan Studies), Sociology and Theology. We propose “strong asymmetrical dependency” as a new key concept that includes all forms of bondage across time and space.

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SOCIAL STATUS OR LEGAL DIFFERENCE

THE RANK OF SLAVES IN
ANTIQU ROMAN SOCIETY

CONFERENCE
AUGUST 28–29, 2020



FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2020

It is well known that Roman slaves did not form a homogenous group but belonged to different social ranks. That mostly depended on the kind of work they exercised. Did private or public law reflect such differences? Did it help to institutionalize them? Did legal provisions or decisions even foster them? These are the main questions dealt with in the papers to be presented.

All lecturers are renowned experts in the field of Roman slave law.

10–10:45 AM

Introduction

Is There Something Like a “Roman Slave Law”?

Martin J. Schermaier
(Bonn Center for Dependency
and Slavery Studies)

10:45–11 AM

Coffee Break

11 AM–12 NOON

Peculium: Social and Legal Aspects of Slave’s
Special Estates

Richard Gamauf
(University of Vienna)

12 NOON–1 PM

Servi vicarii: Slaves as Masters of Slaves

Francesca Reduzzi-Merola
(University of Naples, via ZOOM)

1–2:30 PM

Lunch Break

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2020

2:30–3:30 PM

Servi heredes: Slaves as Heirs and Legatees

Wolfram Buchwitz
(University of Wurzburg)

3:30–4:30 PM

Dispensatores: Slaves as Treasurers of Enterprises

Richard Gamauf
(University of Vienna)

4:30–5 PM

Coffee Break

5–6 PM

Favor libertatis and Its Legal Basis

Jakob Stagl
(University of Santiago de Chile)

6–7 PM

Filii naturales: Social Fate or Legal Privilege?

Thomas Finkenauer
(University of Tübingen)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2020

9:30–10:30 AM

Servi poenae: What Did It Mean to Be
“Condemned to Slavery”

Aglaja McClintock
(University of Benevento)

10:30–11 AM

Coffee Break

11 AM–12 NOON

Familia caesaris: Slaves and Freedmen in the
Imperial Administration.

Pierangelo Buongiorno
(Universities of Lecce and Munster)

12 NOON

General Discussion