

PROFITABILITY AND ECONOMIC RATIONALITY OF SLAVERY IN A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

TURIN
20-22 March
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FONDAZIONE LUIGI EINAUDI
Via Principe Amedeo, 34

Wednesday, 20 March

14.30 - 15.00: G. Cuniberti (Univ. of Turin) Welcome

E. Devecchi and M. Valente, Introduction to the Topic of the Conference

Session 1. Chair: S. De Martino (Univ. of Turin)

15.00 - 16.00: W. Scheidel (Univ. of Stanford) Keynote: *Price and Prejudice: the Valuation and Profitability of Enslavement in Comparative Perspective*

16.00 - 16.30: coffee break

16.30 - 17.00: S. Richardson (Oriental Institute, Chicago) *Trafficking, Valuation, Instrument: Slave Bodies at the Intersection of Forms of Exploitation*

17.00 - 17.30: E. Devecchi (Univ. of Turin) *Slavery in Kassite Babylonia and its Socio-Economic Implications*

17.30 - 18.00: M. Viano (Univ. of Turin) *Degrees of Dependency in Late Bronze Age Emar: Some Thoughts on the Socio-Economic Aspects*

Thursday, 21 March

Session 2. Chair: N. Luraghi (Univ. of Oxford)

9.30 - 10.00: E. Karev (Fondazione 1563 per l'Arte e la Cultura, Compagnia di San Paolo) *Comparative Pricing of Slaves and Other Commodities in Egypt from the New Kingdom to the Ptolemaic Period (c. 1200-30 BC)*

10.00 - 10.30: M. Valente (Univ. of Eastern Piedmont) *Slaves as Fixed Capital in Ancient Greece*

10.30 - 11.00: D. Marchiandi (Univ. of Turin) *Female Slavery in Classical Athens*

11.00 - 11.30: coffee break

11.30 - 12.00: K. Vlassopoulos (Univ. of Crete) *Were There Ancient Equivalents of the Early Modern Slave Plantation of Commercial Agriculture?*

12.00 - 12.30: M. Balbo (Univ. of Turin) *Slave Trade in the Roman Republic: Cheap Labour or Luxury Good?*

Session 3. Chair: E. Belligni (Univ. of Turin)

14.30 - 15.00: A. Fiore (Univ. of Turin) *Slavery and Economic Structures in the Carolingian Period (750 c - 900 c)*

15.00 - 15.30: P. Delpiano (Univ. of Turin) *The Foundations of Pro-Slavery Thought in the Age of Enlightenment*

15.30 - 16.00: coffee break

16.00 - 16.30: L. Kamel (Univ. of Turin) *Slavery and "The Man of His Time"*

16.30 - 17.00: A. Tuccillo (Univ. of Turin) *The Cost of Slavery in the 18th Century Antislavery Debate*

Friday, 22 March

Session 4. Chair: S. Bellezza (Univ. of Eastern Piedmont)

9.30 - 10.00: F. Motta and F. Bonansea (Univ. of Turin) *Slavery, Economy, Nature in 18th Century Debates*

10.00 - 10.30: V. Fusari (Univ. of Turin) *The Maid Trade: Working and Life Trajectories from the Horn of Africa to the Gulf States (20th and 21st Centuries)*

10.30 - 11.00: M. Flamigni (Scuola Normale of Pisa) *Manumission in the Age of Emancipation. Practices of Freedom in the Caribbean Space (1807-1868)*

11.00 - 11.30: coffee break

11.30 - 12.00: C. Bernardi (Univ. of Perugia) *"The Slaves We Rent": Questioning the Legacy of Enslavement for Mexican Labor in XX Century USA*

12.00 - 12.30: E. Devecchi and M. Valente, Concluding Remarks