

Indian Ocean history week

To mark the 300th anniversary of
the Letters Patent of December 1723

– BLACK CODE –

SYMPOSIUM

THE SLAVE, A
HUMAN BEING

22nd to 25th November 2023



WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2023

Departmental Council – *Hémicycle François Mitterrand*

- 2.30pm Reception of participants
- 3pm Inaugural session
- Speech by the President of the AHIOI (Indian Ocean International Historical Association)
- Speech by the President of the Departmental Council (or a representative)
- Speech by the President of the Regional Council (or a representative)
- Speech by the Prefect of Reunion (or a representative)

First session – *Setting up of the system in the 17th century*

Chairperson: Bruno Cunniah

- 4pm Ellen Mac Clure, Professor of French and History, University of Illinois, Chicago
Slavery and autonomy in classical 17th century theatre
- 4.45pm Debate
- 5pm Charlotte de Castelneau-L'Estoile, Sorbonne University, Roland Mousnier Centre
The marriage of slaves: A recognition of the humanity of slaves?
- 5.45 Debate
- 6pm Musical entertainment around the topic of slavery by Jim Fortuné

THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2023

Departmental Archives - Lecture theatre

- 8.15am Reception of participants
- 8.30am Speech by Head of Departmental Archives
- Poetry reading on the topic of slavery

Second session – *The Portuguese and German worlds*

Chairperson: Jacqueline Ravelomanana

- 9am Ana Roque, Researcher, University of Lisboa – Portugal
Nature, exoticism and repression: human and non-human dialogue – A dilemma in Lisbon during the 16th century
- 9.30am Debate
- 9.45am Déjanirah Couto Senior Lecturer / Researcher, *Ecole Pratique des Hautes Études*, Paris (SAPRAT Laboratory EA 4116)
Slavery in the Portuguese Empire, the vision of 17th century French travellers: Jean Mocquet, Pyrrard de Laval, La Boullaye Legouz
- 10.15am Debate

10.30am Indravati Félicité, Professor of Modern History, University of Reunion
The question of the humanity of slaves in the German society during the modern period

11am Debate

Third session – Reflections on the 1723 Letters Patent

Chairperson: Gitanjali Singh

11.15am Jean-François Cany, Doctor of History, University of Reunion
'Homo servilis' in the 1703 letters patent: archaeology of the therapeutics of a degraded ontology of the African

11.45am Debate

12pm Jérémy Boutier, Doctor of Legal History, University of Aix-Marseille
Essay on the historiography of the Bourbon Black Code

12.30pm Debate

Fourth session – New legal approaches to the Black Code

Chairperson: Dehoutee Vina Ballgobin

2pm Jean-Marie Théodat, Senior Lecturer, University of Panthéon-Sorbonne, UMR (Research centre) PRODI, Professor at the State University of Haiti (UEH)
From the Black Code (1685) to rural codes: nèg anba kod on Haïti

2.30pm Debate

2.45pm Michel Didier, senior lecturer, University of Mauritius, Faculty of Law and Management
From mobile goods to transmission of parental values: The slave as parent

3.15pm Debate

Fifth session – The realities of slavery

Chairperson: Déjanirah Couto

3.30pm Albert Jauze, Doctor of History, University of Reunion
Hiate, Jean (aka Maninte), Jérôme and Rose: four examples of slaves in the mid 18th century. The inextinguishable thirst for freedom. Article XXXI of the Black Code

4pm Debate

4.15pm Sangari Anandanadaradja, Doctor of History, part-time lecturer, University of Reunion
Etymology of faces of slaves up to the end of the 18th-century

4.45pm Debate

5pm Chaplain Toto, University of Toamasina, Research Laboratory
Groups of hunters and the profile of deported victims in the Betsimisaraka tribe up to the early 19th-century

5.30pm Debate

5.45pm Musical entertainment around the topic of slavery by Bruno Escyle of the group Apolonia

FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2023

Departmental Archives - Lecture theatre

Sixth session – *The lives of slaves*

Chairperson: Charlotte de Castenau-L'Estoile

9am Eric Schnakenbourg, University of Nantes, Centre for Research on International and Atlantic History

From the individual to the collective: fear in master/slave relations

9.45am Debate

10am Prosper Ève: Professor Emeritus, University of Reunion

The humanity of slaves illegally freed on Bourbon island: reconquering the senses

10.30am Debate

Seventh session – *The lives of slaves (continued)*

Chairperson: Michel Didier

11am Gil Dany Randriamasitiana, Professor, University of Antananarivo

Madagascan slaves from the Royal period to the colonial period, between 'social' escheat and peregrinations difficult to classify

11.30am Debate

11.45am Klara Boyer-Rossol, Doctor of History, researcher and curator CIRESC, CNRS, USR 2002, ISM

The 'Mozambiques' in the Mascareigne islands in the 19th century, represented in the manuscript notebooks of Eugène Huet de Froberville (1815–1904)

12.15pm Debate

Eighth session – *The realities of slavery outside the Indian Ocean*

Chairperson: Benoît de L'Estoile

2.30pm Salah Trabelsi, University Professor, Lyon 2, CIHAM-UMR 5648

Resonances and experiences of slaves in the Arab world

3pm Debate

Ninth session – *The realities of slavery outside the Indian Ocean (continued)*

Chairperson: Pierre Schneider

- 3.15pm** Lalasoa Jeannot Rasoloarison, University of Antananarivo, History-Heritage-Development
Children and young persons inside the system of slavery in the kingdom of Madagascar in the 19th century
- 3.45pm** Debate
- 4pm** Jacqueline Raelomanana, Professor, “*Le Cahier-Journal de Rainivelo*” (The notebook-journal of Rainivelo), University of Antananarivo
Confidences of a self-made slave (1847-1917)
- 4.30pm** Debate
- 4.45pm** Samaké Adama, Senior Lecturer, Félix Houphoët-Boigny University (Abidjan – Ivory Coast), Department of Languages, Literatures and Civilisations, Professor at CAMES (African and Madagascan Council of Higher Education)
The system of slavery and the profile of the slave in “La Porte du voyage sans retour” (The door to the one-way journey) by David Diop
- 5.15pm** Debate
- 5.30pm** Alex Claudio Randriamahefa, Senior Lecturer, University of Antananarivo, HIPADE (History, Heritage and Development)
Slaves and anthroponymy during the Royal period in Madagascar: memory and representations
- 6pm** Debate

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2023

Villèle Museum – Chapelle Pointue

- 8.15am** Reception of participants
- 8.30am** Inaugural session
Speech by the President of the AHIOI
Speech by the Director of the Villèle Museum

Tenth session – *Re-emergence of the slave*

Chairperson: Xavier Leterrier

- 9am** Jean-Régis Ramsamy, Doctor of History, journalist
Indentured labour, a continuation of slavery
- 9.30am** Debate

Eleventh session – *Representing slavery*

Chairperson: Xavier Leterrier

- 9.45am** Benoît de L'Estoile, CNRS, Paris, Maurice Halbwachs Centre
Exposing slavery and colonisation: a comparative perspective
- 10.15am** Debate
- 10.30am** Morgane Andry, Doctor of LCF, University of Reunion, LCF
Representing slavery in the tourist context
- 10.45am** Debate
- 11am** Michel Didier, Senior Lecturer, University of Mauritius, Faculty of Law and Management
Current situation of collections coming from slaves or created about them.
Representing the abolition of slavery: from private initiative to national coverage
- 11.30am** Debate
- 11.45am** Wesley Marie, Senior Lecturer, University of Mauritius, Department of Education
Woman: slave of another slave
- 12.45pm** Debate

Twelfth session – *Remains of the cultural heritage of slaves*

Chairperson: Prosper Ève

- 2pm** Michel Didier, University of Mauritius, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law and Management
The slave as artist: from musical practices of the servile population to the Séga
- 2.30pm** Debate
- 2.45pm** Dehoutee Vina Ballgobin, Senior Lecturer, University of Mauritius
When women from the Chagos islands speak
- 3.15pm** Debate
- 3.30pm** Melissa Rivière, doctoral student, University of Reunion, Matthias Cazal, doctoral student, University of Reunion
Remains of the cultural heritage of slaves in Reunion through oral traditions
- 4pm** Debate
- 4.15pm** Summary
- 4.30pm** Closing speech by the Chairperson