Slavery, Liberation and Islamic Law in the Middle East and beyond



October 5, 2018

Location: Pond Inlet
Brock University
St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada



Symposium Program

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Welcome & Opening Remarks Behnaz Mirzai, Professor, Brock University Gervan Fearon, President and Vice-Chancellor, Brock University Carol Merriam, Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Brock University Maureen Lux, Chair, Department of History, Brock University
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Session 1 - Legal opinion of Muslim Scholars and Slavery Chair: Felipe Ruan, Brock University Jonathan Brown, Are There Limits to Enslavement in the Dar al-Harb?: Islamic Legal Discussions on the Purchase of Non-Muslims Slaves in Non-Muslim Realms Georgetown University, USA Reza Tabandeh, Nimatullahi Gunabadi Masters' View on Slavery Brock University, Canada Bruce Hall, The authorized slave in the nawāzil/fatāwā literature of West Africa University of California, Berkeley, USA
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Session 2- Islamic Law and Slavery Chair: Olatunji Ojo, Brock University Liyakat Takim, Islam and Slavery McMaster University, Canada Bernard K. Freamon, Qur'an 8:41 and 33:50 and their relationship to the problems of slavery and slave-trading in Islamic Jurisprudence NYU Law School, USA Jeff Eden, Slavery and Islamic Law in Central Asia St. Mary's College, USA
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Lunch Break
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Session 3- Slavery and Abolition Chair: Jean Ntakirutimana, Brock University Nathaniel Mathews, The Fused Moral Horizon of Abolitionism and Islam: Muslims, Global Slavery and the Challenge of Historical Hermeneutics Binghamton University, USA Christoph Witzenrath, Slavery, Liberation and Loyalty in Muscovy and Eurasia University of Bonn, Germany
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Coffee Break
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Session 4 – Patterns and Legacies of Slavery Chair: Yasmine Kandil, Brock University Maho Sebiane, The leiwah ritual complex in the Persian Gulf Slavery, possession and social interactions in the longue durée École des hautes études en sciences sociales, France Stephan Conermann, How Can we Compare Different Forms of Slavery? Some Preliminary Remarks University of Bonn, Germany