

## **Enslavement, conflict and forced marriage in Africa: Methods, ethics, and knowledge production**

June 25-28, 2018

University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Humanities Graduate Centre, Room 10, Ground Floor,  
South West Engineering Building, East Campus

### **Monday, June 25**

#### **9:30-10:30: Welcome and introductions**

Welcome: Head of the School of Social Sciences

- Muchaparara Musemwa, University of the Witwatersrand

Introduction to the Conference:

- Joel Quirk, University of the Witwatersrand
- Annie Bunting, York University

Introducing conference participants

#### **10:30-12:00: Panel 1: Research ethics and its impact**

*Chair: Allen Kiconco, University of the Witwatersrand*

*Legal and ethical aspects of researching conjugal slavery in the Boko Haram armed conflict in Nigeria*

Elijah Oluwatoyin Okebukola, Nasarawa State University, Nigeria

*Research with children born of war: A sensitive and ethical methodology*

Beth W. Stewart, University of British Columbia

*dRPC's experiences from the Northeast Nigeria*

Lawan Balami and Umar Ahmad Umar, The development Research and Projects Center (dRPC, Nigeria)

#### **12:00-13:00: Lunch**

#### **13:00-14:30: Panel 2: Enslavement and captivity**

*Chair: Dostin Lakika, University of the Witwatersrand*

*Conflicts and female captivity in a Peul environment: An historical and anthropological approach*

Elhadji Chiekou Baldé, Cheikh Anta Diop University

*Slavery in contemporary African conflicts? A perspectival approach*

Benedetta Rossi, University of Birmingham



*Linking conflict-related violence and peace time practices: A review of methodological and ethical issues*

Rosaline MCarthy, Sierra Leone Women's Forum

**14:30-15:00: Coffee break**

**15:00-16:30: Panel 3: Producing and using legal knowledge**

*Chair: Gaëlle Breton-Le Goff, University of Quebec in Montreal*

*Reparations for female survivors of sexual violence in DRC: SOFEPADI's experience*

Mambo Zawadi, Women's Solidarity for Peace and Integral Development (SOFEPADI), Democratic Republic of Congo

*Peoples' tribunals, truth seeking and knowledge production: Disrupting the legal archive?*

Izevbuwa Kehinde Ikimiukor and Annie Bunting, York University

*Attention economies: Transitions and the sexual question in Sierra Leone and South Africa*

Anna M. Agathangelou, York University

**Tuesday, June 26**

**9:00-10:30: Panel 4: Aligning research and advocacy**

*Chair: Gertrude Mianda, York University*

*Access to justice for survivors of sexual violence in conflict: Limitations and potentials*

Heather Tasker, York University

*Sexual slavery, forced marriage, conjugal slavery: The words of victims*

Gaëlle Breton-Le Goff, Université du Québec à Montréal

*Research on conjugal slavery in war (CSW): Liberia's research methods and research ethics*

Amelia M. Cooper, Aiding Disadvantaged and Traumatized Women and Girls (ADWANGA), Liberia

**10:30-11:00: Coffee break**

**11:00-12:30: Panel 5: The ethics of research with children**

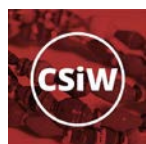
*Chair: Annie Bunting, York University*

*Identity-based impact of SEVOTA's psychosocial approach to children born of the genocide*

Godelieve Mukarasasi, Solidarity for Widows and Orphans for Work and Self-Promotion (SEVOTA), Rwanda

*Bringing up my enemies' child*

Patrick Otim, Refugee Law Project (RLP), Uganda



*Reflecting on Data Collection Challenges for Child, Early, and Forced Marriage in Emergencies*

Yang Fu, Plan International Canada

**12:30-13:30: Lunch**

**13:30-15:00: Panel 6: Defining slavery**

*Chair: Benedetta Rossi, University of Birmingham*

*A comparative view of slavery and terrorism in the Niger-Nigeria border zone*

Ali Bouzou, Timidria Association, Niger

*'Women in chains': The woman-slave analogy in anti-apartheid activism, 1950s-1990s*

Ana Stevenson, University of the Free State

*When does marriage count as slavery? Global measurement and cross-cultural classification*

Joel Quirk, University of the Witwatersrand

**15:00-15:30: Coffee break**

**15:30-17:00: Panel 7: Knowledge production and its consequences**

*Chair: Peter Vale, University of Johannesburg*

*Anti-racism social movements in Tunisia and the bitter heritage of slavery*

Marta Scaglioni, University of Bayreuth

*Problematizing knowledge production and consumption on girlhoods, sexual violence, and research in the Democratic Republic of Congo*

Jen Katshunga, York University

*How to unravel the process of defining war rape and forced marriage in times of armed conflict under the statute of the International Criminal Court*

Hannah Baumeister, Middlesex University Mauritius

**19:00: Conference dinner: Lucky Bean Restaurant, 16, 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Melville, Johannesburg**

**Wednesday June 27**

**9:00-10:30: Panel 8: Histories of slavery and their legacies**

*Chair: TBC (Joel will contact)*

*Masculinity and manhood within concubinal relationships in northern Nigeria (1830s-1920s)*

Bruno R. VÉRAS, York University



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*'My wife is the granddaughter of my grandfather's slave': The vestiges of slavery and the dynamics of marriage in western Eweland*

Meera Venkatachalam, Observer Research Foundation Mumbai (ORF), India

*'He gave me a wife': Marriage and slavery in post abolition Sierra Leone 1930-1960s*

Sarah Delius, University of the Witwatersrand

**10:30-11:00: Coffee break**

**11:00-12:30: Panel 9: Collaboration and dialogue in research**

*Chair: Sphiwe Dube, University of the Witwatersrand*

*Participatory action research (PAR) with male survivors of wartime rape in Uganda*

Philipp Schulz, University of Bremen

*The rape of women and girls in Kinshasa, the Democratic Republic of the Congo*

Gertrude Mianda, York University

*Researching highly victimized populations in conflict and post conflict settings: Experience from northern Uganda*

Teddy Atim, Tufts University

**12:30-13:30: Lunch**

**AFTERNOON: FREE TIME**

**Thursday, June 28**

**9:00-10:00: Panel 10: Slavery as a form of knowledge**

*Chair: Joel Quirk, University of the Witwatersrand*

*Writing trauma into history: Method, ethics, politics*

Michele A. Johnson, York University

*'Attacking the citadel of the enemy': Historical analyses of marriage as slavery*

Helen McCabe, University of Nottingham

**10:00-10:30: Coffee break**

**10:30-12:00: Panel 11: The position of the researcher**

*Chair: Hylton White, University of the Witwatersrand*

*'You're one of us and you don't know this?': reflections on positionality in fieldwork in Ghana*

Isaac Dery, University of Cape Town



*Interviewing wartime forced marriage survivors in Uganda: Some positionality and methodological considerations*

Allen Kiconco, University of the Witwatersrand

*Methodological and ethical challenges in 'getting access' to and having recurrent interviews with formerly abducted mothers and fathers in post-conflict northern Uganda*

Leen De Nutte, Ghent University/Centre for Children in Vulnerable Situations (CCVS)

**12:00-13:00: Lunch**

**13:00-14:45: Panel 12: A conversation with South African activists**

*Chair: Gabriel Khan, World Food Programme*

**14:45-15:15: Coffee break**

**15:15-16:45: Concluding roundtable**

*Chair: Michele A. Johnson, York University*

**Panelists:** Teddy Atim, Benedetta Rossi, Zawadi Mambo, Umar Ahmad Umar

**16:45-17:00: Concluding remarks/thank you's:** Joel Quirk and Annie Bunting



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