



Country-Focused Season

Thinking the Archipelago: Africa's Indian Ocean Islands

[Legacies of Race and Slavery in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans](#)

Public Program: June 12 – 13, 2023

Venue: [Spice Tree Hotel](#), Stone Town, Zanzibar, Tanzania

The event is also live streamed on The Africa Institute's [official Youtube page](#).

Program

DAY 01 - MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023

9:00 am – 9:30 am | Welcoming Remarks

- **Hoor Al Qasimi** – President, The Africa Institute, Sharjah, U.A.E
- **Salah M. Hassan** – Director, The Africa Institute, Sharjah, U.A.E; Distinguished Professor, Cornell University, U.S.A

9:30 am – 10:00 am | Opening Remarks

- **Engseng Ho** – Professor of Cultural Anthropology, Duke University, U.S.A

10:00 am – 11:00 am | Keynote Lecture

The Tyranny of the Atlantic Slavery & An Agenda for the Study of Slavery in the Indian Ocean

- **Abdul Mohammed Hussein Sheriff** – Professor Emeritus

11:00 am – 11:30 am | Coffee Break

11:30 am – 1:30 pm | Panel 1

Panelists

The Politics of Race in Revolutionary Zanzibar: A Reappraisal

- **Gary Thomas Burgess** – Associate Professor of African History, US Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, U.S.A

Islam and Racial Discourse: The Politics of Religious Reform on the Kenyan Coast, 1930-1990

- **Ngala Chome** – Research Fellow, History Department, Ghent University, Belgium



“Africans” Muwallad and the Myth of Mild Slavery: Testimonies of the Enslaved in the Persian Gulf, 1887-1949

- **Hideaki Suzuki** – Associate Professor, National Museum of Ethnology, Japan

Discussant

- **Jeremy Prestholdt** – Professor of History, University of California, San Diego, U.S.A

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm | Lunch

2:30 pm – 4:30 pm | Panel 2

Panelists

Mapping the Journeys of Enslaved People from Zanzibar to the Gulf

- **John Thabiti Willis** – Associate Professor of African History, The Africa Institute, Sharjah, U.A.E

Search for Origins as a Means of Addressing Legacies of Race and Slavery in the Western Indian Ocean: Methodological Challenges

- **Preben Kaarsholm** – Professor Emeritus, Global and International Development Studies, Roskilde University, Denmark

Inscribing Difference and Constructing Race in the Horn of Africa

- **Mostafa Minawi** – Associate Professor of History and Director of Critical Ottoman and Post-Ottoman Studies Initiative, Cornell University, U.S.A

Discussant

- **Emery Kalema** – Assistant Professor of History, The Africa Institute, U.A.E

4:30 pm – 5:10 pm | Artist Presentation

A Map is Not a Territory

- **Malala Andrialavidrazana** – Visual Artist

5:10 pm | Return back to Serena Hotel, Zanzibar



DAY 02 - TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023

10:00 am – 11:00 am | Poetry Reading

Made from Absence: A Relief Map of the Flats

- **Gabeba Baderoon** – Associate Professor of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, African Studies and Comparative Literature, Penn State University, U.S.A

11:00 am – 1:00 pm | Panel 3

Panelists

The Sudan Slavery: Toward an Anthropology of News

- **Abdullahi Ali Ibrahim** – Professor Emeritus of African History and Islam, University of Missouri-Columbia, U.S.A

Slavery, Race, Nationalism, and Labor in Qatar's Oil Industry, 1940s-1960s

- **Ahmad Alawad Sikainga** – Professor of African History, Ohio State University, U.S.A

Attending to Race and Slavery in Nineteenth-Century Muscat

- **Thomas F. McDow** – Associate Professor of History, Ohio State University, U.S.A

Discussant

- **Uday Chandra** – Assistant Professor of Government, Georgetown University, Qatar

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm | Lunch

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm | Book Launch

Socio-cultural Values of Historic Residential Houses of Zanzibar Stone Town by the late Dr. Mwanahamis Hamad Nassor

Co-Edited by Abdul Mohammed Hussein Sheriff – Professor Emeritus and Janet Marion Purdy, Mellon Postdoctoral Curatorial Fellow, Arts of Africa, Art Institute of Chicago

Unveiling and Remarks by Abdul Mohammed Hussein Sheriff – Professor Emeritus

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm | Panel 4

The Memories of Shipmates: Claims to Freedom in Mauritius, 1830-35

- **Jane Hooper** – Associate Professor, Department of History and Art History, George Mason University, U.S.A

New Directions in 'Local' Historiographies of Slavery in Mauritius

- **Vijaya Teelock** – Former Associate Professor of History, University of Mauritius and Founder, Centre for Research on Slavery and Indenture, Republic of Mauritius (Virtual Attendance)



Creating a Public Database of Slaving Voyages Across the Indian Ocean and Asia

- **Matthew S. Hopper** – Professor of History, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, U.S.A

Discussant

- **Edward A. Alpers** – Research Professor of History, University of California, Los Angeles, U.S.A (Virtual Attendance)
