The SLAFNET Network

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Africa: Catholic University of Eastern Africa and National Museums of Kenya (Kenya), University of Mauritius (Mauritius), University of Yaounde I (Cameroon), Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia), Cheikh Anta Diop University (Senegal).

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Setting up an international research network dedicated to the legacy of slavery in Africa and Europe: such is the purpose of the SLAFNET research project coordinated by the IRD. Funded by the European Commission, it brings together a multidisciplinary team of some 50 researchers in a consortium of 13 partners from the North and South.

For three years, SLAFNET will promote synergy between European and African teams on the social dynamics resulting from the abolition of slavery until the present.

The project will mobilise over 50 researchers in France, Kenya, Mauritius, Cameroun, Ethiopia, Senegal, Germany, Portugal and the UK to:

- Understand post-slavery issues relating to citizenship, marginalisation and injustice in Africa and European societies;
- Analyse the dialectics between commemorating and obliterating slavery;
- Initiate consideration of the process of integrating this in the heritage on both an individual and a national scale;
- Create an inventory of databases of existing resources on slavery in the Atlantic and Western Indian Oceans.

SLAFNET’s 13 partners will undertake research in three areas: training, research and valorisation, to promote and support cooperation among researchers and institutions on both, reinforcing support for young African and European researchers and developing new synergies with the academic world and non-academics.

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Period: April 3-20, 2018 – Collectives activities organised by SLAFNET consortium

“Rethinking Emancipation” – Between Slavery and Post Slavery

Summer Institute
- Workshop 1 Methodological training – April 3-5, 2018
  Archival sources in Portugal, Mozambique, Mauritius, UK, France, Madagascar, Holland
- Workshop 2 Theoretical training – April 5-7, 2018
  Slavery in Africa: An Introduction
- Workshop 3 Technical training Inventorying – April 16-20, 2018
  Inventory of Materials on Slavery and Slave trade and training in inventorying in Greenstone

Conference April 10-12, 2018
Between Slavery and Post-slavery: Citizenship, Dependence, and Abolitionism in African and Indian Ocean Societies