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**The 19th Century and the
New Frontiers of Slavery and Freedom
August 10-14, 2009, Rio de Janeiro**



We are pleased to invite specialists in to the field of Atlantic slavery to participate in the International Seminar "The 19th Century and the new frontiers of slavery and freedom" to take place from August 10-14, 2009 in the Universidade Federal do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (Rio de Janeiro) and in the Universidade Severino Sombra (Vassouras).

Slavery has been at the center of the liberal and industrial modernity, as part of the global processes of capital accumulation. In response to the increasing demand for tropical commodities, new geographies of production based on the intensive exploitation of enslaved workers were negotiated during the XIX century in different parts of the Atlantic world. The processes of independence and the formation of national states in the Americas, the constant advancement of the international anti-slavery movement and new patterns of slavery resistance, however, redefined the social, political, legal and symbolic frontiers of slavery and freedom. In this sense, those borders constituted a permanent field of tensions.

Our goal is to congregate those who undertake research in different parts of the Atlantic world in order to discuss the multiple meanings of the new frontiers of slavery and freedom in the 19th century, in which the Brazilian Empire, specially the region of the Paraíba do Sul basin, played a central role. In order to stimulate the debate among researchers, papers in Portuguese, English, Spanish and French will be accepted. Proposals should be sent to seminariofronteiras@gmail.com, from May 10 to September 12, 2008, with an abstract of the work and a brief resume of the researcher. Results will be announced on November 14, 2008. Organizing committee: Keila Grinberg, Rafael Marquese, Ricardo Salles, Claudia Regina Andrade dos Santos, Sue Peabody, and Dale Tomich.