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This November, 2008, conference, hosted by the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, at Yale University, explored the complexity and importance of the Indian Ocean and Arab slavery and slave trades in terms of their connections to the meaning of slavery and abolition in a world-wide context. In addition, it examined the relation between these trades and the development of the 19th, 20th, and 21st-century global economies. Of particular importance are the legal history of abolition in the Indian Ocean World, and the legacy of slavery and the slave trade in the region today, in terms of cultural memories, patterns of human trafficking and subjugation, stigmatization, and family relationships. The texts of most of the presentations and papers are now available on the conference web site, at:

<http://www.yale.edu/glc/indian-ocean/schedule.htm>.

