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Enslavement, Bondage and the Environment in the Indian Ocean World
McGill University, 2011

This is a call for papers for an interdisciplinary conference on enslavement, bondage and the environment in the Indian Ocean World (from Africa to the Middle East, South and Southeast Asia, and the Far East). A wide range of themes will be considered, including the following: the process of enslavement; natural disasters and enslavement; human-made disasters and enslavement; debt and enslavement; the slave trade; slavery; forced labour; migration and enslavement; the economy of servitude; the sex profile of servitude; collective enslavement; race and enslavement; religion and enslavement; agency in servitude.

The conference will follow the Avignon model. Papers will be distributed in advance. Authors do not read their papers. Sessions will be organised according to theme and will take the form of a discussion led by a discussant. Deadline for submission of abstracts (1 paragraph) is 30 September 2010. Responses will be distributed by 1 October 2010. Deadline for submission of accepted papers in English or French (max. 10,000 words in MS Word) is 15 February 2011. Kindly include with your abstract: Full name; Institution; Professional Title; Full Postal Address; Email; Designation as either an academic or a student registrant.

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