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Trajectories of Emancipation:

Black European Thinkers

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Within the world order different countries tend to have different trajectories of emancipation. Thus within the inter-state system, decolonization is a major landmark of emancipation for colonized peoples and nations. Citizens within a country tend to express and experience their emancipation trajectories differently. Some citizens express and experience emancipation within the abolition of slavery, workers movements, women movements, anti-racist and civil rights movements. We will explore these different trajectories of emancipation and discuss the means through which colonized peoples reconcile with the colonial past.

Programme

Sunday 28 June 2009:

17.00- 19.00 Arrival of participants, registration, and reception at NiNsee, Linnaeusstraat 35 f, Amsterdam
Welcome- *Artwell Cain, NiNsee*

Monday 29 June 2009: Day 1 -Trajectories of Emancipation

Vrije Universiteit, Room 10 A-04, tenth floor

9.00-9.30 Coffee/Tea

9.30-9.45 Opening Remarks- *Kwame Nimako, NiNsee/ISHSS*

9.45-11.15 Chair Stephen Small

“The Advent of Black Thinkers and the Limits of Continental Philosophy”

Walter Mignolo, Duke University

“Tracing Anthony Benezet's Abolitionist Agenda: Decolonizing Enlightenment Discourse?”

Carsten Junker, Universität Bremen

11.15-11.30 Coffee Pause

11.30- 13.00 Chair Kwame Nimako

“Decolonizing the Mind: A Critical Analysis of Scientific Studies on Suriname”

Sandew Hira, Amrit Consultancy

“Blacks in the Netherlands: Their Social Network and Social Mobility”

Artwell Cain, NiNsee

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Chair Lewis Gordon

“How ‘Caucasians’ became ‘Black’: Circassians, modernity and the emancipation discourses”

Madina Tlostanova, Department of History of Philosophy, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia

“The Unfinished Business of Emancipation: The Legacies of Anglophone and Dutch Abolition”

Stephen Small, University of California Berkeley and Kwame Nimako, ISHSS/NiNsee

15.30-15.45 Coffee Pause

15.45-17.45 Chair Madina Tlostanova

“Fatal Junctions: Intersections of Post-Colonial Constructions of Blackness In France”

Mitsy Chanel Blot, University of Texas, Austin

“Brown Europe? Mixed Ethnicity in Britain”

Chinelo Njaka, University of Manchester

“To Be, or not to Be: 'Black Europe' as a Research Question”

Jasmine Cobb, University of Pennsylvania

18.00- Drinks on the terrace at the VU

Tuesday 30 June 2009: Day 2 –Black European Thinkers

Vrije Universiteit, Room 10 A-04, tenth floor

9.15-9.45 Coffee/Tea

9.45-11.15 Chair Walter Mignolo

“The Black, the African, and the European: Melancholic Convergence and Distinction in the Formation of Modern Reason”

Lewis Gordon, Temple University and the University of the West Indies at Mona, Jamaica

“Rethinking Emancipation: Cesaire, Fanon, and the (De)colonial Revolt Against Cartesianism”

Nelson Maldonado-Torres, University of California Berkeley

11.15-11.30- Coffee Pause

11.30- 13.00 Chair Philomena Essed

“Aime Cesaire's Decolonial Intellectual Legacy”

Ramon Grosfoguel, University of California Berkeley

“The Subject of (Black) European Ethnography: Theorizing Belonging through Fanon's Phenomenological Responsibility and Appadurai's Global Modernity”

Eddie Bruce Jones, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Institut für Europäische Ethnologie

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Chair Diennek Hondius

“Four Eighteenth-Century Portraits of Black 'Invisibility': Jacobus Capitein, Anton Amo, Abram Gannibal, and Le Chevalier de Saint-George”

Allison Blakeley, Boston University

“Negritude in the Netherlands”

Susan Legêne and Eugene Chateau, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

15.30-15.45 Coffee Pause

15.45-17.45 Chair Ramon Grosfoguel

“An Exile's view of Community; the Life of Richard Wright”

Abdul R. JanMohamed, University of California Berkeley

“Historic Disadvantage and Emancipation: Leadership Challenges”

Philomena Essed, Anitoch University and Kwame Nimako, ISHSS/NiNsee

“Whiteness, alone - The Colonial Reception of a De-Colonial Writer's Texts: Examining Toni Morrison's Essays in a White German Framework”

Julia Roth, Humboldt University Berlin and University of Potsdam

18.00- Closing Conversations over Drinks on the terrace at the VU