

Brown University presents
The Mediterranean Seminar
Spring 2019 Workshop

Captivity & Ransom



**Friday, 3 May &
Saturday, 4 May 2019**

108 Rhode Island Hall
Brown University
Providence RI
9:30am--5pm

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Friday, 3 May

9:30-10:00 Coffee & Registration

10:00-10:20 Introductions

Jonathan Conant and Amy Remensnyder, Brown University
Brian Catlos and Sharon Kinoshita, The Mediterranean Seminar

10:20-11:30 **Workshop Paper #1**

“From Captivity to Family: Iranian Perspectives on the Arsacids of Rome”

Jake Nabel, Lecturer in Classics and Research Associate, Pourdavoud Center for the Study of the Iranian World/, UCLA

• Respondent: John Bodel, Professor of History, Brown University

11:30-11:45 Coffee break

11:50-1:00 **Workshop Paper #2:**

“Identity, Value, Price, Mobility: The Market of Captives and Slaves in Early Modern Naples and Valencia”

Fabrizio Filioli Uranio, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow, Universidad de Valencia/Ecole de Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris

• Respondent: Daniel Hershenzon, Associate Professor of Spanish, University of Connecticut

1:00-2:00 Lunch (for speakers and registered participants)

2:10-3:20 **Workshop Paper #3**

“French Captivity Narratives as Literary Genre”

Filippo Screpanti, Graduate Student, Romance Studies, Duke University

• Respondent: Oumelbanine Zhiri, Professor of Literature, UC San Diego

3:20-3:40 Coffee break

3:45-5:00 **Keynote Lecture:**

“Turning Turks: Muslim Slaves and Catholic Conversion in Early Modern France”

Gillian Weiss, Associate Professor of History, Case Western Reserve

Saturday, 4 May

9:30-10:30 Coffee

10:30-noon **Round Table 1**

Was captivity a contributor to inter-cultural rapprochement or opposition? Besides captivity, what other mechanisms of constraint characterized Mediterranean exchanges?

- Joshua White, Associate Professor of History, University of Virginia
- Nida Nałçaci, Grad Student, History, Bilkent University
- Ali Atabey, Graduate Student, History, University of Arizona
- Adam Teller, Professor of History and Judaic Studies, Brown
- Camilo Gómez-Rivas, Associate Professor of Literature, UC Santa Cruz
- Sergio La Porta, Professor of Armenian Studies, Fresno State
- Jonathan Conant, Associate Professor of History & Classics, Brown

Noon-1:45 Lunch (for speakers and registered participants)

1:45-3:15 **Round Table 2**

Was there something distinctly “Mediterranean” about Mediterranean captivity?

- Justine Walden, Postdoctoral Fellow, History, University of Toronto
- Daniel Hershenzon, Associate Professor of Spanish, U Connecticut
- Leonidas Mylonakis, Lecturer, History, UC San Diego
- Ana Rodriguez-Rodriguez, Associate Professor of Spanish, U of Iowa
- Mohamad Ballan, Society of Fellows, Dartmouth College
- Samuel Cohen, Assistant Professor, History, Sonoma State
- Amy Remensnyder, Professor of History, Brown University

3:15-3:30 Coffee break

3:30-4:45 **Round Table 3**

How did gender and captivity shape each other in the premodern Mediterranean?

- Catherine Infante, Assistant Professor of Spanish, Amherst College
- Bernadette Andrea, Professor of English, UC Santa Barbara
- Carlo Trombino, Graduate Student, History, University of Palermo
- Daniel Gullo, Malta Center, Hill Museum and Manuscript Library
- Emily Owens, Assistant Professor of History, Brown University

4:45-5:00 Concluding Remarks