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Slavery, Islam and the Making of Race and Sex in South Africa

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Title: Slavery, Islam and the Making of Race and Sex in South Africa

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Abstract :

South Africa's history is usually viewed through the prism of apartheid, the devastating system of legislated racial discrimination that operated from 1948 to 1994, yet it is not possible to fully understand concepts of race, sexuality and belonging in the country without attending to the crucible of two centuries of colonialism and slavery that preceded apartheid. The colonization of the Cape from 1652 and the fact that slaves eventually formed the majority of the population of the Colony means it is hard to overstate the importance of slavery for shaping the history of the country. Slavery and Islam are intricately connected in South Africa. Muslims first arrived in the Cape Colony in 1658 as slaves and free servants of the Dutch, only six years after the Colony's founding, making slavery and the presence of Islam coterminous with the beginning of colonial settlement in South Africa. Slavery at the Cape was characterized by brutal punishment, systemic sexual violence and the development of founding ideas about race, and it shaped all social and economic relations in the Cape Colony and its hinterland. In this talk, I discuss the role of Muslims in the formation of South Africa's racial and sexual codes from the colonial period to the present.

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