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By focusing on the slave trade carried out by Iberian powers (Portugal and Spain), this workshop will explore the global ramifications of the forced migration of Africans to the Americas and India. While Portugal was the first European power to carry enslaved Africans across the Atlantic, Spanish colonization of the Americas was heavily dependent on enslaved African labor. As a result, Portuguese and Spanish colonies in the Americas were the destination for two thirds of the Africans victimized by the slave trade. Prior to the transatlantic slave trade, enslaved Africans labor was extensively used in the Iberian Peninsula and Portuguese imperial possessions in East Africa and Asia. By bringing together scholars from the United States and Europe, this workshop will showcase recent trends in the scholarship of the Iberian slave trade, focusing on such themes as slavery in the Iberian peninsula, the early slave trade to Brazil and Mexico, and the place of slavery in Portuguese India.

10:00 - Introductions  
10:10-12:40 - Session 1

Chair: **Tatiana Seijas** (Pennsylvania State University)  
**Mary Hicks** (Amherst College): "The Corporate Slave Trade: Continuities in Maritime Investment Practices from Portugal to Brazil"  
**Pablo Sierra** (University of Rochester): "Articulating Slavery: The Encomenderos de Negros and the Infrastructure of the Slave Trade to Mexico, 1600-1669"  
**Toby Green** (King's College): "Legal Pluralisms and Subjectivities of the Enslaved: Law, Identity and Contestation of Power in the Early 17th Century Pan-Atlantic World"

Commentator: Roquinaldo Ferreira (Brown University)

14:00-16:30 - Session 2

Chair: **António Mendes de Almeida** (University of Nantes)  
**Iván Armenteros** (University of Barcelona): "The changing faces of slavery in Medieval Iberia (11th-15th centuries)"  
**Kara Schultz** (Vanderbilt University): "Guinea slaves for the mines of São Vicente' : The Early Slave Trade to Brazil through Spanish Sources"  
**Stephanie Hassell** (Duke University): "The Portuguese Slave Trade from East Africa to Goa, 16th -19th Centuries"

Commentator : **Joseph Miller** (University of Virginia)

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