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American Slaveries as Capitalism and the African-Iberian Atlantic

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In recent years, American slavery has been discussed as “slavery = capitalism” – both in the U.S. and with regard to Latin American “second slavery” societies (e.g., Cuba, Brazil). In his lecture, Professor Zeuske will focus on the capital of human bodies as controlled mainly by Iberian slave traders, highlighting individual life narratives and the history of some notorious slave ships, such as the Amistad and the Clotilda.