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The workshop focusses on the entanglement between slave and bullion trade, and political expansion. It continues a workshop of October 2021 as publication workshop. The economic sphere between North Africa and Southern Italy was identified as a crucial node between two streams of slave trade from the European North to the Aghlabid South and from Berber Maghreb to the East, and the only region in the western Mediterranean where Islamic gold and silver circulated, basically along the same lines. Islamic legal sources include provisions for Byzantine or foreign merchants in general. It was an intense region of conflict, not only between Christian and Muslim groups. The entanglement of the regions became more discernable in combining different documents and sources in different languages, requiring different expertise. The hypothesis, which stands to test, is that the Aghlabid or Arab expansion to Sicily and southern Italy might not be driven by state actors, but by mercantile associations, which are engaged in slave trade from Europe via Venice and southern Italy, accompanied by a flow of silver and gold coins.

# TRADE AND TRADE POSTS BETWEEN NORTH AFRICA AND SOUTHERN ITALY

**APRIL 28, 2023**

HYBRID WORKSHOP

UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG



## FRIDAY APR. 28, 2023

AS-Saal (ESA 1)

9.30 **Antonia Bosanquet & Stefan Heidemann**  
(Universität Hamburg)

Welcome

9.45 **Stefan Heidemann**  
(Universität Hamburg)

Trade and Empire



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10.15 **Dana Katz**  
(Universidad Autónoma de Madrid -  
Casa de Velázquez/ Universität  
Hamburg)

An Island of Crops, Livestock, and Slaves:  
A Reconsideration of Sicily's Significance  
in the Aghlabid Political-Economic  
Sphere



The Fall of Syracuse to the Arab ©Wikipedia Commons

11.00 Coffee Break

11.15 **Kordula Wolf**  
(Deutsches Historisches Institut in Rom)  
Raiding, Trading – Subduing? Dynamics  
of (Booty) Economy and Conquest in  
Ninth-Century Southern Italy

12.00 **Antonia Bosanquet**  
(Universität Hamburg)  
Protecting the Outsider. What Legal  
Texts and Institutions Reveal About  
Trade in Early Islamic Ifrīqiya

12.45 Lunch Break



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14.30 **Stefan Heidemann**  
(Universität Hamburg)  
North African Silver: Money for Western  
Eurasia - Its Rise and Demise

15.15 **William Day**  
(Independent Scholar)  
Southern Italy in Trans-Mediterranean bullion  
flows, 600-1000



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16.00 Round Table -  
Plans for Publication

17.30 **Antonia Bosanquet & Stefan  
Heidemann** Final Words – Future  
Outlook

17.45 End of the Conference

19.00 Dinner

### INFORMATION AND ABSTRACTS

<https://www.romanislam.uni-hamburg.de/events-news/workshops/trade-and-trade-posts.html>