

# CALL FOR PAPERS

The Centre for Caribbean Studies at the University of Warwick [UK]

ANNOUNCES

**“FREE AT LAST? AN INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE TO  
COMMEMORATE THE BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF  
THE BRITISH ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE”**

11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> July 2007

University of Warwick,  
Coventry, UK.

Keynote speakers include: David Dabydeen (University of Warwick), Gad Heuman (University of Warwick), James Walvin (York University), Verene Shepherd (UWI) and Akosua Perbi (University of Ghana)

Themes: this interdisciplinary conference will reflect on both the struggles of enslaved peoples and opponents of slavery to end the British slave trade in Africa, and the ongoing struggle for equality in the aftermath of emancipation. It will explore the meanings of freedom for the enslaved and their ‘owners’ before and after emancipation; the impact of emancipation on Caribbean societies, and the legacies of slavery in the postcolonial world.

The conference organisers invite papers and/or panels discussing any aspect of this struggle for freedom and its aftermath in the Caribbean. Suggested panels/topics include public and collective memory and commemoration; religion; literary and cultural representations of freedom; African responses to abolition; the impact of abolition on Africa; Caribbean emancipation and its implications for American slavery; gendered dimensions of emancipation; children and emancipation; ethnicity and nationalism in the post-emancipation Caribbean; indentureship; global slavery in the contemporary world.

Proposals for papers, including title and one paragraph abstract [not exceeding 350 words] should be sent, with an accompanying C.V. to Marjorie Davies, Centre for Caribbean Studies, University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL, UK, or, M.Davies@warwick.ac.uk Closing date for receipt of abstracts is: 9<sup>th</sup> December 2006.