NMC277HF Topics in Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations: A History of Slavery in the Islamic World

This course is a detailed study of the institution of slavery in the Islamic world from the seventh century CE to the sixteenth century CE. It will examine the establishment, growth, and evolution of this institution in the Muslim world. Questions that will be tackled are: How were the slaves enslaved/acquired? Who were the slaves? Where did they come from? What position(s) did they occupy in society? What were the attitudes towards the slaves? How were they treated? The course will also examine and shed light on the various types/forms of slavery in the Islamic world such as military slavery, industrial slavery, and female slavery/concubines.

Questions?
Contact: nmc@utoronto.ca