

Annual Summer Lecture

“The British transatlantic slave trade - abolition, legacy and the case for reparations.”

**Tuesday 26th June 2007 at 6.30 pm
The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2 1PL**

Guest Speakers

Richard Reddie

Kwame Kwei-Armah



2007 marks the 200th Anniversary of the passing of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act by Parliament. Britain may not have initiated the slave trade or clung to it the longest but it is not disputed that Britain more than any other nation perfected the system and at the height of the trade carried more Africans than any other maritime nation. The trade in human cargo was vital and profitable, spawning and contributing to other major industries. It was the legal/political debates about slavery in England that formed the starting point for abolition although slavery continued for many more decades followed by the “scramble for Africa”.

In his book “Abolition” Richard S Reddie, Project Director of **set all free**, the Churches Together in England campaign looking to highlight the significance of the bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act, invites us to take this opportunity to assess the real contribution of Africa and its people to the development of the West, whether that involuntary involvement can ever be repaid and suggests that part of the reason worldwide enslavement continues today is society’s reluctance to talk about slavery. He will focus on the trade and the abolition movement

Actor and playwright, Kwame Kwei-Armah will discuss the legacy of the slave trade and the issue of reparation. The African Union and CARICOM at their Conference in Kingston, Jamaica in 2005 agreed to establish and sustain a common position on the issue as well as a mechanism for its implementation.

Pre registration is required:

Places are limited. To register please send the attached booking form to Beulah Powell by fax 020 7831 0170 or email beulah.powell@lawsociety.org.uk

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