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Welcome to MME 3-2: Fashioning Afro-Swedish Identity

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By Parvin Ardalan,

It is an honor to be a part of the Fashioning Afro-Swedish Identity event in Malmö 2019. The systematic and vicious transatlantic slavery began 400 years ago when the slave ships left the ports of west Africa. The transatlantic slave trade forced about 12 million Africans to the Americas whereas about 1,5 million people died on board the slave ships. Sweden abolished slavery as one the last countries in Europe back in 1847. Today there are about 200.000 Afro-Swedes living in Sweden. We are obliged to create the space to discuss the racist structures that "Afro Swedes" face in Sweden today, 172 years after the abolition of slavery. MME's mission is to unite artists with experience of migration in order to redefine personal and cultural identity.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for being here today!

With Solidarity,