**Handout**

**Lecture 6: Port Cities**

The slave trade developed into a multi-continental system of commerce and exploitation. European traders robbed people in Africa, enslaved them and shipped them to American ports for sale. The slave trade is the largest involuntary migration movement of all time and has left its mark to this day. This dark chapter of the Port Cities has left few material traces, they have to be searched very carefully.

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