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Dear colleagues,

I hope this finds you healthy and well!

During the past several months, we have been working on data conversion for the ESTA database. Four excellent research assistants (Maartje Hids, Hannah de Korte, Pascal Konings and Sam Miske) joined our team for this purpose and made sure that slave trade data from several datasets were correctly ingested.

Thanks to their efforts, the database is currently at around 4.000 slave trade voyages!

Of course, there is still more data cleaning, curation and standardisation to be done, but we think this is a very good start! And as their time with us is coming to an end, the students will talk about their work to colleagues at the IISH during a so-called lunch seminar organised by the institute every month. This will be an online seminar, so please feel free to join on **December 21st 12.30 – 13:30 hrs (CET)**.

Join Zoom Meeting https://knaw-nl.zoom.us/j/92214249831?pwd=Y3owYSszRmlWdWFEeXJRVk9CQ2VhQT09 Meeting ID: 922 1424 9831 Passcode: 401047

Warm regards, also on behalf of the ESTA -team,

Merve Tosun

For questions or suggestions with regard to the project, data or sources, please don't hesitate to contact us. Alternatively, if you have news you'd like to share with the network, please don't hesitate to get in touch! Contact: Merve Tosun (<u>merve.tosun@iisg.nl</u>) or Matthias van Rossum (<u>mvr@iisg.nl</u>).