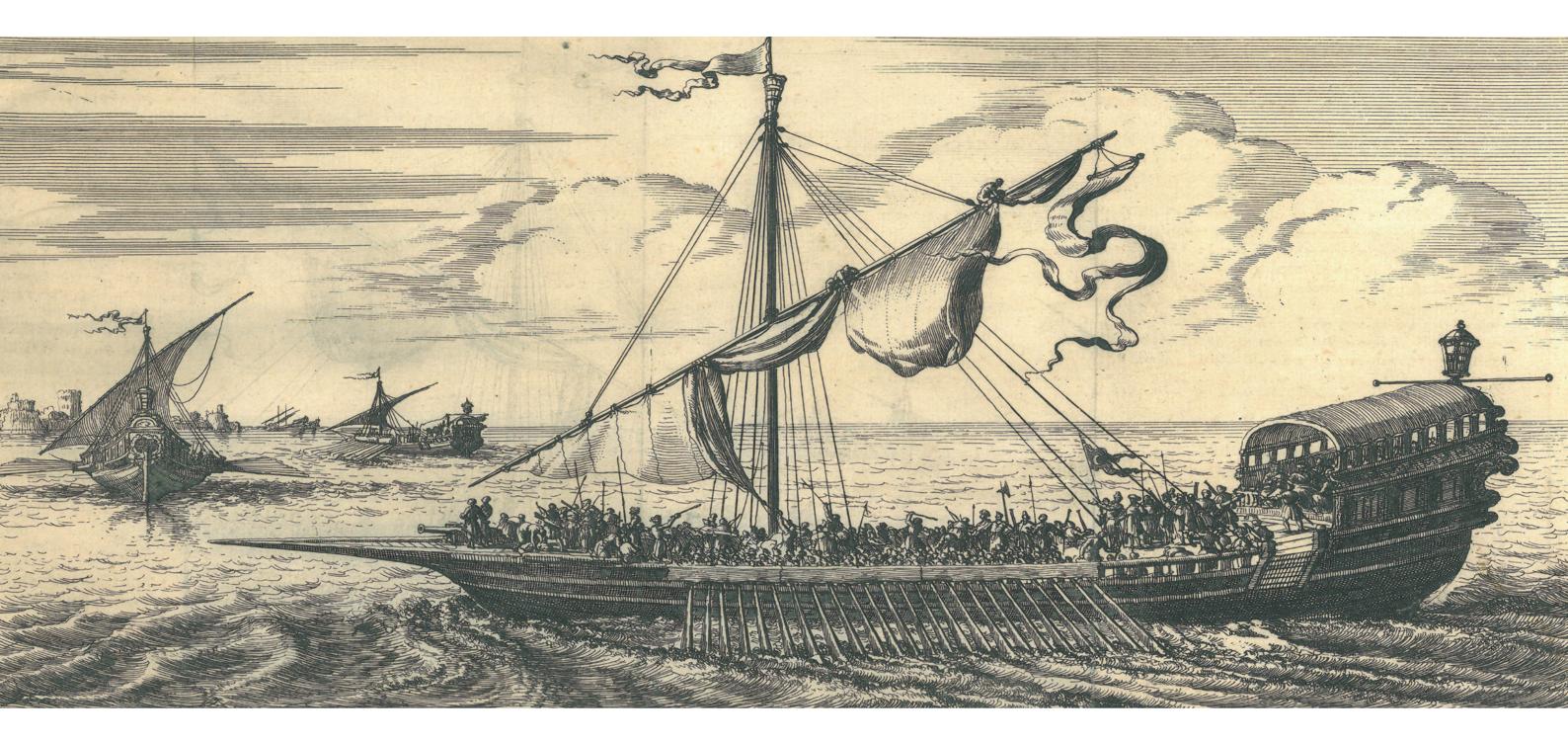
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Piracy: In the sixteenth century, privateering developed into a global economic factor. Barbary Coast corsairs from North Africa competed with European pirates for captives in the Mediterranean.

Slavery: Several hundred thousand Europeans and North Africans fell victim to corsairs, were sold in slave markets, put on galleys, or held for ransom.

Narratives: European slaves produced popular autobiographical accounts of their captivity in North Africa. These texts influenced the development of African-American slave narratives as well as the modern novel.

Research: Drawing on over one hundred texts from all major European languages, the team will transcribe, translate, and research these early modern captivity narratives.





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