Indenture in the world is the first publication of AGTF which looks at the history of indentured labour from a global perspective. It looks at the emergence of the indentured labour system in different parts of the plantation world such as in the Indian Ocean, the Pacific Ocean, Southern Africa, the Atlantic, the Caribbean and part of the Americas. This work allows the reader to understand the complex, difficult and lengthy social and economic process through which slave labour was replaced with indentured labour in what became known as the ‘great experiment’.

Indenture in the world it shows how the success of this particular labour experiment in Mauritius resulted in this expansion to other parts of the British Colonial empire such as South Africa, Guyana, Trinidad, Jamaica, Australia, Fiji and Kenya between the 1840s and early 1900s. It also demonstrates that during the same period, the effectiveness of this new labour system also spread to other European and western colonies and territories which were controlled by the French, The Dutch, Portuguese, Spaniards, Germans and Americans.

This work highlights the central role that Mauritius has played in the genesis of this new system of contract labour and that ‘free’ or indentured labour was superior to slave labour. This ground breaking publication also puts emphasis on such important themes as the place of Mauritius in modern world history, comparative colonial history, and the role that indentured labour played in the emergence of new multicultural societies around the globe.