conference | ‘Contemporary Congolese Studies’

11-12 June 2015 | African Studies Centre & Emmanuel College, Cambridge University

Convenors:
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Thursday 11 June

1330  REGISTRATION  

1400  WELCOME | Lys Alcayna-Stevens

1415-1555  PANEL 1 | Representing the Congo: Which nation? Whose imagination?  
Bambi Ceuppens | The Tervuren Collection of Congolese Paintings
Kahiudi Mabana | Mayengo Kulonda-Tsi et Nlandu Mamingi: poètes patriotes congolais
Emi Koide | Congo’s images (D.R.C) in contemporary art works and films
Véronique Bragard & Stéphanie Vanasten | Lieve Joris and Jeffrey Tayler’s Journeys into the Congolese Interior : Travel writing and New modes of Enunciation
Discussion | Emma Wild Wood

1415-1555  PANEL 2 | Marginalization, memory & dissent
Emery Kalema | Space, mobility, and displacement: The Mulele rebellion (D.R. Congo) and the production of suffering
Reuben Loffman | ‘Can I Get Back to You On That?’ Jason Sendwe, the Great Lakes Rail Company and Decolonisation in the Lualaba Province, 1960-1963
Vicky Van Bockhaven | Anioto, leopard men from the east of the Congo (ca. 1890-1934): the embeddedness of anti-colonial resistance in local political culture
Sarah Demart | Continuity of paradigms around the unthought of the Congolese presence in Belgium
Discussion | Guillaume Lachenal

1555-1610  Tea & Coffee

1610-1730  PANEL 3 | Gender, conflict & reproduction
Camille Thomas and Jennifer Palmer | Understanding family planning and abortion care policy and practice in the evolving reproductive health context of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) - Prioritising maternal health despite the law: the politics of unwanted pregnancies in DR Congo
Georgina Ramsay | Reproduction as Refuge: Culture, Conflict, and Embodied Experiences of Congolese Refugee Women

Meredeth Turshen | Fertility under Assault: Natality in Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo in a Time of Conflict

Discussion | Andrea Grant

1610-1730 PANEL 4 | Accommodation, resistance, other modalities of engagement in the colonial situation
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Benoit Henriet | Violence, resistance and conflicted memories in the Kwango basin. The dismemberment of Maximilien Balot and its aftermaths (1931)

Giacomo Macola | Mukanda Bantu Meets “Nkulukulu”: The Cooperation between the Yeke of Katanga and the Congo Free State in the 1890s

Eva Van Schalbroeck | Belgian medical discourses on depopulation, colonial organization and imperial civilization: the global intellectual connections between medicine and imperial rule during Belgian colonialism in the Congo

Discussion | Sylvie Ayimpam

1800-1930 KEYNOTE | Nancy Rose Hunt  Queen’s Lecture Theatre, Emmanuel College

ROUNDTABLE | Filip de Boeck (KU Leuven), John Lonsdale (Cambridge), Guillaume Lachenal (Université Paris Diderot), Sylvie Ayimpam (Aix-Marseille University)

Followed by dinner for the speakers

Friday 12 June

0900-1040 PANEL 5 | Natural resources, environment, and new frictions of power S1 African Studies

Lys Alcayna-Stevens | Endemic apes & foreign wealth: Development brokers and conspiracy in Equateur Province, DRC

Aymar Nyenyezi Bisoka | Du pouvoir au sujet: pratiques, savoirs et institutions dans la gestion des conflits fonciers à Bukavu/DRC entre 1997 et 2014

Ann Laudati | Securing Insecurity: Rethinking Livelihoods, Violence, and Vulnerability in DRC’s Cannabis Trade

Justine Brabant & Judith Verweijen | Cows and guns: Transhumance, cattle-looting and militia dynamics in South Kivu, DRC

Discussion | Sylvie Ayimpam

1040-1100 Tea & Coffee
1100-1240  PANEL 6 | Scales, borders, and ideologies of (inter)national mediations  
Carlo Carbone | 'Ernesto Che Guevara au Congo, où de la déclinaison précaire des concepts et des pratiques de nationalisme et internationalisme'
Maité le Polain | L’argent, ça ne se ramasse pas. Sauf à Bukavu. Etude des représentations populaires relatives au secteur de l’aide
Yossa Way | The Anglican Church of Congo: A Local and International Church
Patrícia Stys | Once Upon A Time in Greater Rwanda: Migration, Citizenship Laws, and Ideological Manufacturing of the Republic of Volcanoes
Discussion | Filip de Boeck

1240-1340  Lunch

1340-1500  PANEL 7 | Urban socialities  
Clara Devlieger | Begging and Belonging in Kinshasa: the Disabled Claim to Inclusion in the Capital
Eduardo Quaretta | Children accused of witchcraft in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC): between structural and symbolic violence
Luce Beekmans | The peri-urban fringe of Kinshasa as an in-between space
Discussion | Filip De Boeck

1340-1500  PANEL 8 | Social and political repertoires of war in the C20th  
Rosano Giordano | De « la terreur salutaire» Langages croisés de la violence au Congo de Léopold II (1900-1908)
Enika Ngongo | Un effectif indispensable, mais méconnu. Le porteur congolais durant la Première Guerre mondiale
Chris Davey | Kagame’s “Willing Executioners”? Socially Constructed Identity in Violent Participants of the First Congo War
Discussion | Devon Curtis

1500-1515  Tea & Coffee

1515-1700  PANEL 9 | Methodologies and Epistemologies in Congolese Studies  
Silvia Riva | Le Congo, où est-il? Quelques pistes de recherche autour de la métaphore du “Tiers-Paysage” pour le Congo culturel d’aujourd’hui
Catharina Wilson | Travelling Biographies
Sara Geenen | Dispossession in eastern DRC. Book presentation, simulation game and theater project
Marta Íñiguez de Heredia | Re-engaging the Global: An Account of the Political and Economic Roots of Conflict in DRC
Discussion | Nancy Rose Hunt