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This event aims at highlighting current research in human sciences around concepts of empire, labour and citizenship and their connections with the long-term history of mankind. During three days, researchers in history, anthropology and political sciences are invited to reflect together on how political superstructures, workforce management and the making of collective identities contributed to shape today’s globalized societies.

The conference will be closed by a lecture of Pr. Frederick Cooper (New York University), a leading scholar in the History of (post)colonial Africa, and a major contributor to academic debates on these topics.

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DAY ONE 18
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Room TBA
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Welcoming and registration.

12h15  Welcome speech
Benoît Henriet (PhD candidate, Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)


12h45  COFFEE BREAK

Panel 1
- EMPIRES AND THE MAKING OF GLOBAL SOCIETIES.
  Discussant/Chair: Pr. Kenneth Bertrams (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

Pr. Eric Vanhaute (Ghent University)
‘De Lyon à Rome – Africains et Syriens en Europe de l’Ouest sous l’Empire romain’.

Fabienne Chamelot (PhD candidate – University of Portsmouth)
Romain Tiqueut (PhD Candidate – Humboldt University – Berlin)

Clotilde Houot (PhD Candidate – Université Paris I-Sorbonne)
‘Building National Armies in the Middle Eastern Mandates. The Iraqi and Transjordanian Case’.

13h30  Pr. Paul Fontaine (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)
‘From India to Rome – Africans and Syrians in Europe of the West under the Roman Empire’.

16h30  Wrapping up and discussion

17h  Concluding remarks and final round of questions.

DAY TWO 19
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Welcoming and registration.

Panel 2
- THE AFRICAN EXPERIENCE OF LABOUR.
  Discussant/Chair: Pr. Benjamin Rubbers
  (Université de Liège – Université Libre de Bruxelles).

Pr. Amandine Lauro (University of Potsdam)
‘Legal discourse on forced labour and slavery in the Arab countries: The case of “The Social Construction of the Citizen. Patterns of political membership and belonging in the EU (1945-2011)”.

Dr. Sara Geenen (Postdoctoral Fellow – Université Libre de Bruxelles)
‘Citizenship at a Crossroads: Transitions and Elites in Congo (1940-1945).’

Pascaline Le Polain (PhD candidate, Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)
Punishing the Resisters. Forced Agricultural Labour in Belgian Congo (1940-1945).

Adane Kassie Bezabih (PhD Candidate, Addis Ababa University)

Kerstin Stubenvoll (PhD Candidate, Humboldt University – Berlin)
‘The Changing Faces of Palm Oil Labour around Kikwit (Democratic Republic of the Congo), 1911-2015’.

14h15  Concluding remarks and final round of questions.

14h45  LUNCH BREAK

Panel 3
- CITIZENSHIP IN A (POST)COLONIAL WORLD.
  Discussant/Chair: Pr. Amandine Lauro (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

Pr. Emma Hunter (University of Edinburgh)
‘Citizenship in Post-Colonial Africa: Dialogues between Past and Present’.

15h30  COFFEE BREAK

CONCLUDING ROUNDTABLE

Day 3 20
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Welcoming and registration.

10h45  Pr. Nathalie Tousignant (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)

10h55  Marie Fierens (Postdoctoral Fellow – Université Libre de Bruxelles)
‘Citizenship in Africa: dialogues between past and present’.

11h15  Pr. Véronique Dimier (Université Libre de Bruxelles)
‘Citizenship at a Crossroads: Transitions and Elites in Congo (1940-1945).’

11h30  Alexander Knoth (PhD candidate, University of Potsdam)
‘The Social Construction of the Citizen. Patterns of political membership and belonging in the EU (1945-2011)’.

11h45  Sarah Demart (Researcher, Université de Liège)
‘Postcolonial citizenship in Belgium: the case of the Belgian-Congolese in the era of globalization’.

12h15  Concluding remarks and final round of questions.

12h45  LUNCH BREAK

Pr. Nathalie Tousignant (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)

‘Empire and Beyond: Power and the State in the 20th Century’.

Discussants:
Pr. Nathalie Tousignant (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)
Pr. Emma Hunter (University of Edinburgh)
Pr. Véronique Dimier (Université Libre de Bruxelles).

15h30  COFFEE BREAK

16h30  Pr. Kenneth Bertrams
‘The Wealth of Nations. From the Concept of Wealth to the Wealth of Nations?’

17h  Concluding remarks and final round of questions.