

Workshop: Current Perspectives in Congo Research (Human and Social Sciences).

Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles, December 20 2013.

9-9.15: Welcome speech by Dr. Katrien PYPE (assistant professor, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven) and Benoît HENRIET (PhD student, Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles).

9.15-10.15: Panel 1. The Congo and International Policies: Peacekeeping, Cooperation and Global Crisis.

Chair/Discussant: Nathalie TOUSIGNANT (Professor, Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles).

-Hubertus JUERGENLIEMK (PhD student, University of Cambridge).
Collective EU action in the DR Congo? Assessing European Union Security Sector Reform initiatives Governance.

-Anne-Sophie GIJS (PhD student, Université Catholique de Louvain).
La Belgique et l'anticommunisme au Congo (1945-1961): une histoire aux répercussions bilatérales et internationales.

-Esther MARIJNEN (PhD student, Vrije Universiteit Brussel).
The impact of EU policies in Nord-Kivu assessed from a bottom-up peacebuilding perspective : the role of EU aid in contentious interactions in the Virunga national park.

10.20-11.20: Panel 2. Urban Cultures in Contemporary Congo.

Chair/Discussant: Karen BÜSCHER (Professor, Universiteit Gent).

-Peter LAMBERTZ (PhD student, Universität Leipzig).
Uncomfortable silence: A Japanese New Religious Movements' silent sound sites in Kinshasa.

-Thomas HENDRIKS (Postdoctoral fellow, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven).
Queering Congo Studies: Urban Masculinities and Homo-Erotic Desires.

-Guillaume BUMBA (PhD Student, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven).
Kahemba : Ville en mutation. Analyse d'une géographie vécue dans une ville frontalière.

11.20-11.35: Coffee Break.

11.35-12.50: Panel 3. Congolese Diaspora and Foreign Presence in the Congo: New Perspectives.

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Bambi CEUPPENS (MRAC/KMMA).

-Ana Stela DE ALMEIDA CUNHA (Postdoctoral fellow, Centro em Rede de Investigação em Antropologia, Lisbon).

The Chinese presence in the Lower Congo: mitshulas, commerce and fear.

-Sarah DEMART (researcher, Université de Liège).

Belgian Postcolonialism and Migratory Reconfiguration.

-Joëlle MUKENA MUTOMBO (PhD student, Université de Liège).
Active citizenship of young second generation of Congolese origin in Belgium: the case of young people living in Brussels, Anvers and Liège.

-Ding YUAN (PhD Student, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven).
African transnationalism foodscape in contemporary China: A case of Congolese restaurants in Guangzhou.

12.50-13.40 : Lunch break.

13.40-15.00 : Panel 4. (Post)colonial Arts, Culture and Education.

Chair/Discussant: Amandine LAURO (Postdoctoral fellow, Université Libre de Bruxelles).

-Charlotte GRABLI (PhD student, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris).
The History of Musical and Festive Practices in Leopoldville from the 1930s to the 1960s.

-Flavio QUINTALE (Assistant-Professor, RWTH-Aachen University.)
The literary representation of Lumumba in Aimé Césaire's Saison au Congo.

-Maëline LE LAY (Research fellow, Sciences Po Bordeaux).

The making of the artistic stage in Katanga at the colonial era.

-Karen HULSTAERT (PhD student, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven).
Congolese History in post-colonial history education: textbooks used at Collège Imara, Lubumbashi.

15.00-16.00: Panel 5. Borders and Sovereignty.

Chair/Discussant: Filip DE BOECK (Professor, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven).

-Bas DE ROO (PhD student, Gent Universiteit).
The blurred lines of legality in early colonial Africa. Customs and smuggling in the Congolese M'Bomu region (1889-1908).

-Benoît HENRIET (PhD student, Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles).

Sovereignty in the Making in the Congo Free State (1876-1908).

-Clara DEVLIEGER (PhD student, Cambridge University).
"Syrie" et "Bamuëla": State-making and Citizenship on the Kinshasa-Brazzaville Border.

16.00-16.15: Coffee Break.

16.15-17.15: Roundtable session on research methodologies in Congo studies.

Chair: Katrien PYPE (assistant professor, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven).

Participants: Jeroen CUVELIER (Postdoctoral fellow, Universiteit Gent), Marie FIERENS (PhD student, Université Libre de Bruxelles), Joseph KONI MULUWA (Postdoctoral fellow, Universiteit Gent), Bérengère PIRET (PhD student, Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles).

