



ROYAL ACADEMY FOR OVERSEAS SCIENCES

Conference

## **The Belgian Congo between the Two World Wars**

(Brussels, 17-18 March, 2016)

### Programme

#### **Thursday 17 March, 2016**

Morning Session (9:00 – 12:00): Politics, Order and Law

Charlotte BRAILLON, Université de Liège (Belgium)

African Law in the Belgian Congo. A New Appraisal of Colonial Legal History in the Light of Recent Legal Theories

Vincent GENIN, Université de Liège (Belgium)

The International Situation of the Belgian Congo from the Perspective of International Law Jurists after the Treaty of Versailles (1919-1920)

BREAK (10:15 – 10:30)

Amandine LAURO, FNRS, Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)

*Une colonie si tranquille*. Urban Order, Security Anxieties and Colonial Control in the Belgian Congo (1919-1940)

Pascaline LE POLAIN, Centre for Historical Research and Documentation on War and Contemporary Society (Belgium)

Bérengère PIRET, Université Saint-Louis (Belgium)

Men dedicated to supply the Shortage of Means. The Small Justice and the Small Judges of the Belgian Congo (1908-1960)

Patricia VAN SCHUYLENBERGH, Royal Museum for Central Africa (Belgium)

The Question of Internationalism around Nature Reserve *Albert National Park*: between Hunting, Science and Diplomacy

LUNCH (12:00 – 2:00)

Afternoon Session (2:00 – 5:00): Economy and Society

Jacques CHARLIER, Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences (Belgium)  
Les transports ferroviaires et fluviaux au Congo pendant l'entre-deux-guerres

Piet CLEMENT, Bank for International Settlements (Switzerland)  
The Origins of the *Indigenous Peasantry* Scheme: Agricultural Development in the Belgian Congo (1917-1949)

Stephanie KERCKHOFS, KU Leuven (Belgium)  
Crisis and Science: the Evolution of Agricultural Science in the Belgian Congo during the Great Depression

BREAK (3:30 – 3:45)

Johan LAGAE, Universiteit Gent (Belgium)  
*Pour Matadi la question (de la ségrégation) est encore plus grave qu'ailleurs*. The Making and Shaping of a Congolese Harbour City: Matadi 1920-1940

Pierre TILLY, Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium)  
Labour Policies and Practices in British, French and Belgian African Colonies: a Comparative Perspective (1918-1945)

Sven VAN MELKEBEKE, Universiteit Gent (Belgium)  
The Development of Divergent Coffee-producing Paths in the Lake Kivu Area

### **Friday 18 March, 2016**

Morning Session (9:00 – 12:00): Culture

Phillip CANTRELL, Longwood University (USA)  
Negotiating the Space between the Locals and the Colonials: the Role of the Anglican Church in the Belgian Congo

Anne CORNET, Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences (Belgium) & Royal Museum for Central Africa (Belgium)  
Female Labour in a Colonial Context: a Prosopography of Secular and Missionary Western Women in the Belgian Congo

KASONGO M. KAPANGA, University of Richmond (USA)  
The Question of Cinema for the Natives between World Wars in Congo

BREAK (10:15 – 10:30)

Michael MEEUWIS, Universiteit Gent (Belgium)

The Indigenization of Belgian Colonial Language Policy under Louis Franck, Minister of Colonies, from 1918 until 1924

Pascal PIROT, FRS-FNRS, Université de Liège (Belgium)

The Place of Science in the *Colonial Policy* of Leopold III

Yasmine VAN PEE, University of California at Berkeley (USA)

*La colonisation pittoresque*: Cultural Politics and the Interwar Debates on Belgian Colonial Government

LUNCH (12:00 – 2:00)

Afternoon Session (2:00 – 5:00): Final Reflections

BREAK (3:30 – 3:45)

DRINK