

18h00 : Screening of *Overseas* by Sung-A Yoon (1h30), followed by a discussion with **Julien Debonneville** (HETSL, Lausanne)

Diner

## THURSDAY, JUNE 19

### 09h00 : Panel 6 – Domestic Work and Servile Labor

Chair : Sandrine Kott (UNIGE)

- **Céline Flory** (CNRS, Paris) : On the margins of indentured labour : being an “indentured immigrant” and domestic servant in post-slavery Guyana (second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century)
- **Victoria Haskins** (University of Newcastle) : ‘Traited no better than a slave’ : Ayahs, exploitation, and domestic power in the early Australian colonies
- **Elise van Nederveen Meerkerk** (Utrecht University) : Care and Coercion. Patriarchy, (Forced) Labour and Caregiving in the Household in the Dutch Empire, c. 1750–Present
- **Julie Hardwick** (University of Texas) : A tale of two households of seamstresses: labor, violence, fugitivity as the keys to the experiences of free and enslaved black women in eighteenth-century Nantes.

11h00 : Coffee break

11h30 : Conclusion

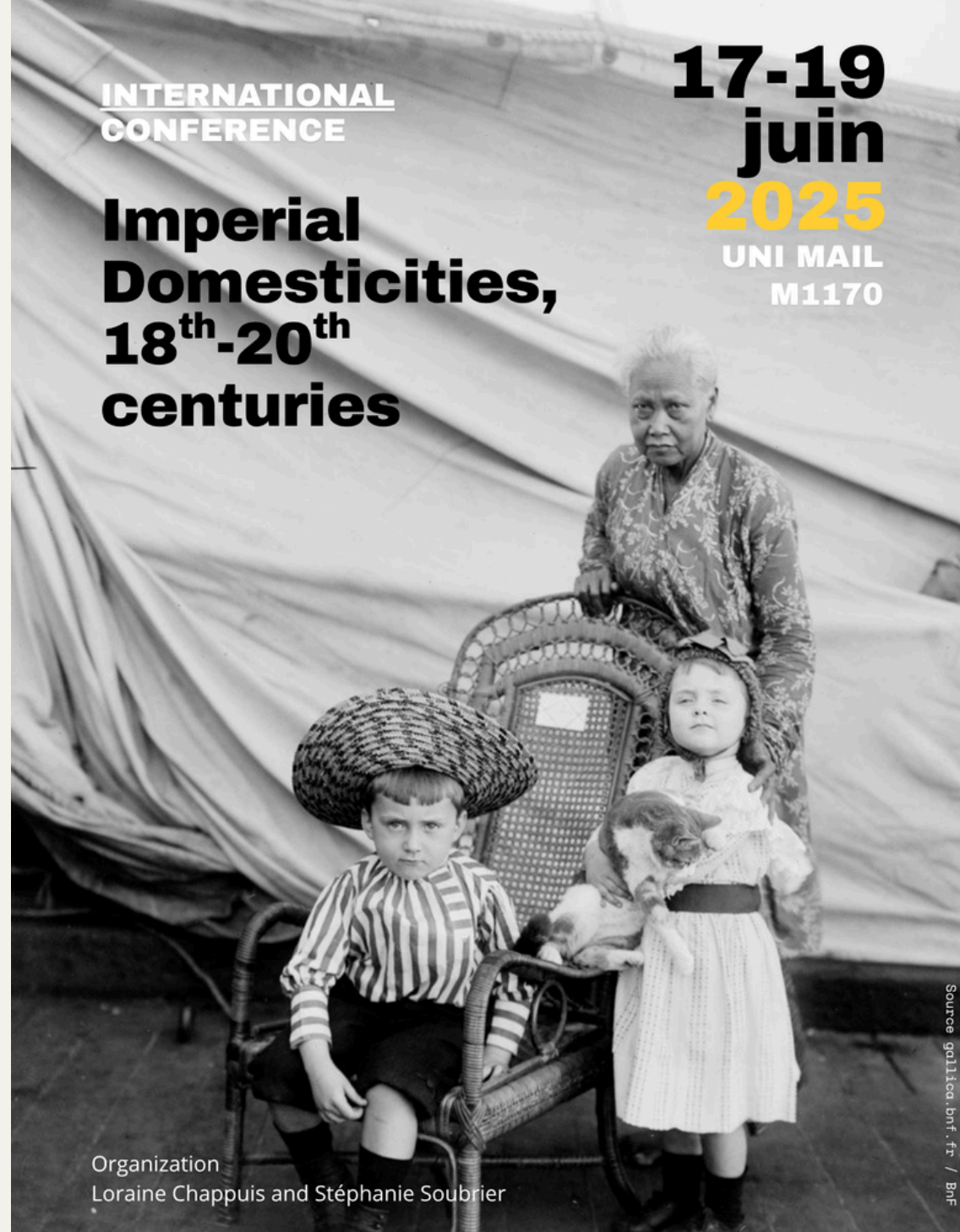
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# Imperial Domesticities, 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> centuries

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## TUESDAY, JUNE 17

09h00 : Welcome

09h30 : Introduction by **Loraine Chappuis** and **Stéphanie Soubrier** (UNIGE)

### 10h00 : Panel 1 – Families, home, intimacies

Chair : **Alexander Keese** (UNIGE)

- **Clément Fabre** (Sorbonne Université, Paris) : The Domestic Laboratory of Imperial Prestige: Interactions Between Western Masters and Chinese Servants in 19<sup>th</sup>-Century China
- **Nassima Mekaoui Chebout** (EHESS, Paris) : Colonized Women, Domestic Work and Difference : Afro-Christian and Muslim “Fatmas” in Algeria and Morocco (20<sup>th</sup> Century)
- **Eleonore Devevey** (UNIGE) : Boys’ Lives and Household Dramas: Imperial Domesticity Through the Lens of Literature
- **Benjamin Badier** (Université d’Artois) : Who Does What, in Service of Whom? European or Moroccan Servants Serving Moroccan or European Masters Under the French Protectorate

12h00 : Lunch break

### 13h30 : Panel 2 – Childhood

Chair :

- **Fae Dussart** (University of Sussex) : Child pauper servants hired out from workhouses in England (19<sup>th</sup> century)
- **Bethan Holt** (University of Glasgow) : Colonial care and domestic labour: Children’s encounters with missionaries in 19<sup>th</sup> century British West Indies and Mauritius.
- **Maysa Espindola Souza** (UNIGE) : Between care and exploitation: the labor of Indigenous minors in Portuguese Guinea (1900- 1960)

15h00 : Coffee break

### 15h30 : Screening of *La Noire de...*, Ousmane Sembène

- Presentation by **Clyde Plumauzille** (CNRS, Paris) and **Caroline Ibos** (CNRS, Paris)

Diner

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

### 09h30 : Panel 3 – Constraints, Resistance, and Agency

Chair : **Marie Houlemare** (UNIGE)

- **Gildas Igor Noubou Tetam** (Université de Lausanne) : “Les populations doivent rester au village pour préparer à manger aux soldats”. L’entretien et la gestion des campements au sein des maquis du Cameroun (1956-1971)
- **Orion Déchand** (Université Toulouse Jean-Jaurès) : Between Endured Violence and the Power to Act : Domestic Trajectories in the Viceroyalty of Peru during the 17<sup>th</sup> Century

10h30 : Coffee break

### 11h00 : Panel 4 – Local Dynamics, Individual Trajectories

Chair : **Marion Philip** (UNIGE)

- **Violaine Tisseau** (CNRS, Paris) : Rewarding Loyalty: Colonial Imaginaries and Individual Journeys Through Work Medal Files in Madagascar (1920s)
- **Stéphanie Soubrier** (UNIGE) : “A Man Without Roots”: Belongings and unbelonging in Seydou Traoré’s life story
- **Pedro Cerdeira** (UNIGE) : “Girls in Civilized Families”: Domestic Work and the Politics of Difference in Portuguese Guinea (1945-1974)

12h30 : Lunch break

### 14h00 : Panel 5 – Mobilities, Circulations, Exile

Chair : **Ludovic Tournès** (UNIGE)

- **Swapna Banerjee** (Brooklyn College and The Graduate Center of the City University of New York) : Mobile Domesticity: Recuperating Travelling Ayahs from the Nineteenth-century Colonial Archives
- **Claire Lowrie** (University of Wollongong) : Travelling Chinese amahs in Britain and France and Australia, 1870s-1930s
- **Romy Sánchez** (CNRS, Paris) : Serving an Imperial Exile : Searching for Domesticity Among Cuban Separatists of New York, 1873
- **Frances Steel** (University of Otago) : Goan stewards at sea between empires and states, c.1890s-1960s

Break