

SATURDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

10 pm - 12 noon | Panel 5

Military transitions as entangled socio-political history

Chair: **Mathilde von Bülow** (Director Centre of War Studies, University of Glasgow)

Arthur Banga (Abidjan)

Les carrières d'officiers un miroir des relations franco-africaines et de la construction de l'État (1945–1980)

Camille Evrard (IRSEM Paris)

La porosité entre les corps des forces armées nationales africaines: l'exemple de la garde en Mauritanie (1956–1978)

Sidina Noël Mvou Kounta (Bordeaux)

La fabrication et la gestion des élites militaires dans le Gabon postcolonial: le cas de la gendarmerie (1960–1983)

Riina Turtio (The Graduate Institute, Geneva)

African decisions and French objectives in the transition from the colonial system of security to the national army in Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire and Upper Volta 1958–1965

2 - 3:45 pm | Panel 6

French-African networks as an example of extraversion

Chair: **Baz Lecocq** (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

Gregory Mann (Columbia University)

Tidy concepts, messy histories: FrançAfrique, Extraversion, and the post-colonial Sahel

Jean-François Bayart (Graduate Institute, Geneva)

Historicité et extraversion de l'État en Afrique

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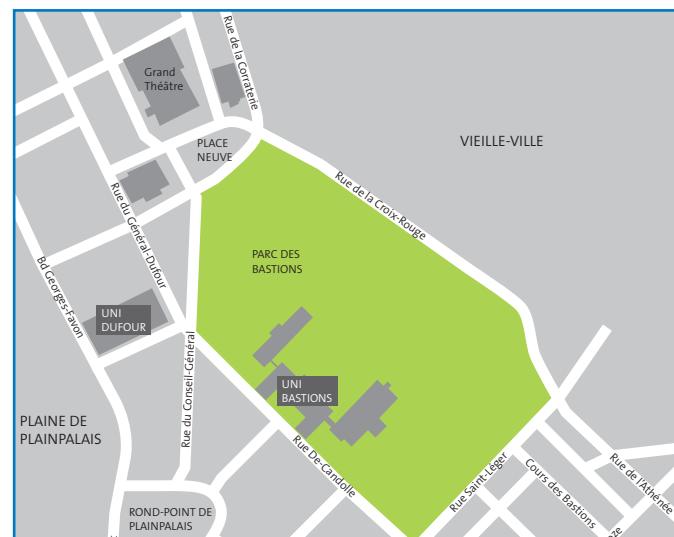
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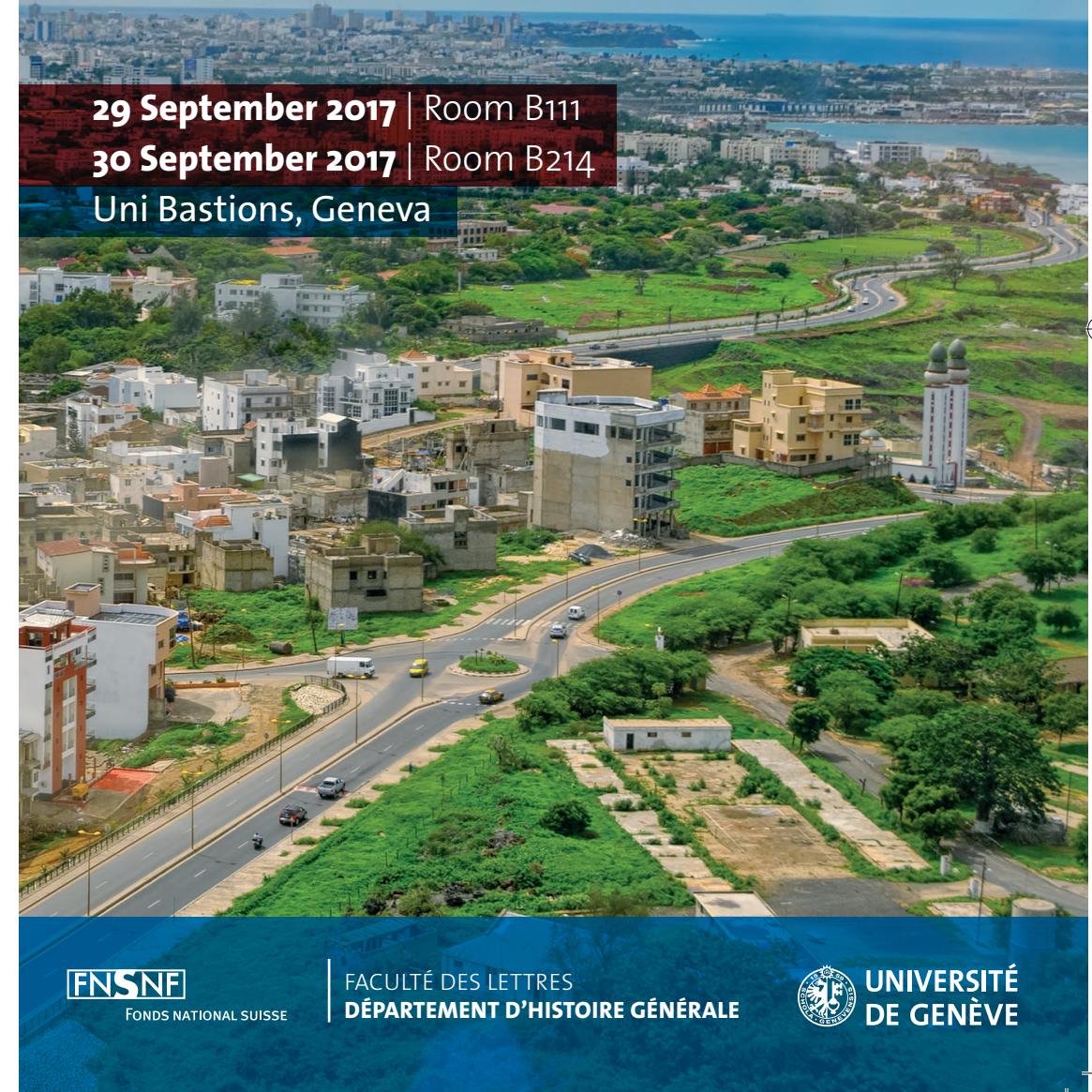
Between the “big conspiracy” and network-building on the ground:

UNDERSTANDING THE TRANSITION IN FRANCOPHONE AFRICA AS SOCIAL AND TRANSNATIONAL HISTORY

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programme

FRIDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2017

9:30 am | Words of welcome

Matthias Schulz, Head of the Division of Contemporary History, Université de Genève
Alexander Keese and **Tony Chafer**, organisers

9:45 - 10:30 am | Keynote Speech

Martin Thomas, University of Exeter
What's in a word? Thinking through decolonization

10:30 - 10:45 am | Coffee break

10:45 am - 12:15 noon | **Panel 1**

Back to the “successful decolonization” hypothesis: discussing the motives and maneuvers of the French transition, 1954–65

Chair: **Ludovic Tournès** (Université de Genève)

Meike de Goede (Leiden)
Successful decolonization in Congo-Brazzaville?

Martin Shipway (Birkbeck, London)
In search of “raison d’État” in the terminal phases of the French late colonial state in sub-Saharan Africa, 1955–1960

Kelsey Suggitt (Portsmouth)
Holding on at all cost? The case of the French Sahara and the Organisation Commune des Régions Sahariennes (1957–1962)

12:15 noon - 1:15 am | Lunch break

1:15 - 2:45 pm | **Panel 2**

French administrators and nationalist activists during the decolonization period: gatekeepers of French influence and symptomatic African careers?

Chair: **Elena Vezzadini** (IMAF/Paris I)

Claire Nicolas (Lausanne)

Ivoirian intermediate sport officials: A French network used for one’s personal agency

Françoise Blum (Paris I)

Africain et Français: Gabriel d’Arboussier ou le roman du métissage

Alexander Keese (Genève)

Steering through the mist: making sense of change, murder and the nation during Africa’s first (near) football war, Congo-Brazzaville and Gabon, 1962

2:45 - 3:15 pm | Coffee break

3:15 - 5:15 pm | **Panel 3**

Projecting a new world: postcolonial African regimes and the challenges of social change (and continuity)

Chair: **Didier Péclard** (Université de Genève)

Craig Phelan (Habib University, Karachi)

Modibo’s Dilemma: The search for meaningful independence in Mali, 1960–1968

Romain Tiquet (Genève)

Discours sur le travail et mobilisation de la main-d’œuvre dans le Sénégal de Senghor (1960–1967): le renouveau de la «mission civilisatrice»?

Nicolas Bancel and Thomas Riot (Lausanne)

Les décolonisations au prisme de la formation des corps

Céline Pauthier (Nantes)

Au-delà du NON et de la rupture: réseaux et coopération diplomatique entre la France et la Guinée au tournant de l’indépendance

5:15 - 5:45 pm | Break

5:45 - 7:15 pm | **Panel 4**

Regarding the complexities and connections of French presences after decolonization: within and beyond the “pré-carré”

Chair: **Aline Helg** (Université de Genève)

Vincent Duchaussoy (Rouen)

Economic advisors in Franc zone central banks: From French to international trusteeship?

Roel van der Velde (Cardiff)

French post-war military-industrial networks and French-South African relations to 1980

Anna Koniesczna (Paris XII)

Association Europe-Afrique: outil de la diplomatie gaullienne (1959–69)?