

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'oeuvre 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 Konieszcna (Paris XII)
Association Europe-Afrique: outil de la diplomatie gaullienne (1959–69)?