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BORDERS AND BORDER-CROSSINGS IN AFRICA

PROGRAMME

(Arrival and registration: June 16. Working sessions: Centro S. Agostino, Via Guelfa 40, Cortona, From Tuesday 17 to Friday 20 June. Morning Sessions: 9,30-13,00-Afternoon: 14,30-18,00)

17 June morning

Opening: Alessandro TRIULZI (Università di Napoli-L'Orientale)

Greetings by Andrea VIGNINI, Mayor of Cortona

Keynote Speaker: Anthony ASIWAJU (African University Institute, Nigeria)

Panel 1: Border movements, labour migrations, informal networks

*Maxim BOLT (LSE, London), *Networks and Rhythms of Movements and Settlement on the Zimbabwe-South African Border**

*Kristof TITECA (Antwerp), *Cross-Border Contraband Trade between North-Western Uganda, Southern Sudan and Eastern Congo**

17 June afternoon

Panel 2: Cross-border migrations, colonial period

Chair: Jan-Bart GEWALD (ASC Leiden)

*Gillian MATHYS (Gent), *The colonial state, élite and migrants: triangular relations in a borderlands region (Rwanda/Congo) 1920- 1960.**

*Anne-Kristin BORSZIK (Bayreuth), *Chieftancy in Gabù (Guinea Bisau): The meaning of borders in "traditional" rule**

*Joel GLASMAN (Leipzig), *The Impossible Police: Colonial space, repression and bureaucratization of the State in French Togo (1930s-1950s)**

18 June morning

Panel 3: Borders, governance ,citizenship rights

Chair: Anthony ASIWAJU (African University Institute, Nigeria)

Giulia CASENTINI (Siena), *Changing Identities and Conflicts for Citizenship Rights in a Trans-Border Community. The case of Konkombas (Ghana/Togo)*

Riccardo CIAVOLELLA (Milano Bicocca / EHESS, Paris), *Borders and Margins. Fulani refugees/returnees and governance discourses on the Mauritania/Mali border (Karakoro region)*

Setri DZIVENU (Edinburgh), *The Impact and Implication of Cross-border Migrations: The case of the Fulbe pastoralist in West Africa.*

Paul NUGENT (CAS, University of Edinburgh), *Bureaucracy and Everyday Life on the Ghana-Togo and Senegambia Borders: What can we learn from social theory?*

18 June afternoon

Panel 4: Coping with borders: dreams, diseases, social climbing

Chair: Marzia GRASSI (University of Lisbon)

Lotte PELCKMANS (ASC Leiden), *Expectations of Borders and Border Crossings: Malian Fulbe youth and slave expectations in border crossings*

Emilie VENABLES (Edinburgh), *“Dreams of Escape”: Senegalese narratives of Casamance migration*

Robert McKENZIE (SOAS), *The Disease of Travelling: African migration to Cairo and beyond*

Bruno RICCIO (University of Bologna): *Simultaneous Social Mobility? Senegalese associations, co-development and the potentials for transnational inclusion*

19 June morning

Panel 5: Trekking south and west

Chair: Maria Cristina Ercolessi (Università di Napoli-L'Orientale)

Rosemary JAJI (Bayreuth), *Encounter on the Border: Somali asylum seekers and refoulement at the Somalia-Kenya border*

Giulia FERRATO (Napoli), *Border to Border. The shifting identities of Somali migrants in transit to South Africa*

YASIN Mohammed Ruffo (AAU, Ethiopia), *Border, Border-Crossing: The case of internal and external migrants to and out of Illubabor (Ethiopia), 1904-1936*

19 June afternoon

Panel 6: Trans-border conflict, trade and migration

Chair: Paul NUGENT (University of Edinburgh)

SAMUEL Negash Yemane (AAU, Ethiopia), *Trans-Boundary Movements and Conflicts along the Ethio-Somalia Border*

Ana Elisa CASCAO (King's College of London/ CEAUP, Lisbon), *Sharing land and water resources across borders – the case-study of Gambella region, Western Ethiopia*

Francesca LOCATELLI (University of Edinburgh), *Cross-border Migration, State Security and Identity: Eritrea (1890-1952)*

Alessandro TRIULZI (Napoli-L'Orientale), Research Project: *Listening to migrant voices from the Horn of Africa*

20 June morning

Panel 7: Cross-bordering in time, space and culture

Chair: Erdmute ALBER (University of Bayreuth)

Jenny MBAYE (LSE, London), *West African Hip Hop: A transnational social movement*

Oumar HAMANI (EHESS, Marseille / LASDEL, Niger), *L'informel comme mode de regulation, cas d'un tribunal de grande instance du Niger*

Marzia GRASSI (University of Lisbon), Research Project: *Mobility, borders and social capital on contemporary Angola*

20 June afternoon

(2,30-4,30 p.m.)

Panel 8: Connecting-Africa: towards a Euro-African Open Source Archive for African Studies

Chair: Patrick CHABAL, President, AEGIS

Jos DAMEN, Librarian, ASC Leiden

Leo de HAAN, Director, ASC Leiden

Marco GUADAGNINO, Open Archive, Napoli-L'Orientale

Ulf ENGEL (University of Leipzig), *Concluding remarks*

(5,30 p.m.)

Il deserto e il mare (Italian, 60 m., Dagmawi Ymer *et al.*, Andrea Segre, Director)

Public show of a documentary film of and by migrants in Italy; public discussion with authors and participants (in Italian)

21 June: Day off for tourism, shopping and relaxing

22 June: Departure