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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 Rythms 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)*


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


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