

Editorial

Dear Friends and Colleagues,
Dear all,

The beginning of a new academic year shall be marked by the renewal of our tripartite Agreement between the University Paris 8, the University of Khartoum, and CEDEJ Khartoum. A reception shall be organized to celebrate the event by the end of October, to which any interested person will be most welcome.

I would like to welcome a new member in our team, Vladimir Cayol, who will spend the next six months as an intern in our Institute. Vladimir has just completed a Master in social sciences from the University of Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne and will be working on migration related issues. We wish him a warm welcome (vladimir.cayol@cedejkhartoum.com).

I also have the pleasure to announce our participation to the International Panel on Exiting Violence, a beautiful project founded by the European Union and led by Michel Wieviorka, Yvon le Bot and Jean-Pierre Dozon in the [Fondation Maison Sciences de l'Homme](#), Paris. Dr. Azza Ahmed Abdel Aziz and myself are now part of the group dedicated to "[In-dependence, separatism and state-building](#)" coordinated by [Dr. Adel Bakawan](#).

Last but not least, the latest Reports of the Observatoire de l'Afrique de l'Est (written in English or French), a programme coordinated by CEDEJ Khartoum and the Center of International Studies of Sciences Po Paris (CERI) with Roland Marchal, are now available online [here](#)

Looking forward meeting you in Khartoum.

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A Perspective on Contemporary Sudans Migration - Social Studies - Religion

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Upcoming events

Annual Conference - Paris

Observatoire de l'Afrique de l'Est

19 October - CERI Sciences Po

Detailed program p.2



Conference by Jan Záhorský, «Multiple causes of Migration from Africa: Historical Perspective», CEDEJ Khartoum, 24 October 2017.

Jan Záhorský, (1979) holds a Ph.D. in African Studies from Charles University. His research focus includes modern and contemporary history and politics on Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa, Czech-African and European-African relations, conflicts in Africa, and Cold War in Africa. He has published several books and dozens of articles and book chapters, the latest being *The Horn of Africa since the 1960s: Local and International Politics Intertwined* (New York: Routledge, co-edited with Aleksí Ylonen).

AFRIQUE DE L'EST: SURPRENANTES ELECTIONS DANS UN ENVIRONNEMENT TROUBLE

Jeudi 19 octobre | 9h00

9h15-10h40 CONFUSES ELECTIONS SOMALIENNES

Chair: **Peter Chonka**, King's College, Londres

Preliminary thoughts on the 2017 Somaliland elections: parties and process - **Claire Elder**, International Crisis Group (ICG), Nairobi

Une brève lune de miel pour le nouveau Président somalien - **Roland Marchal**, Sciences Po-CERI/CNRS, Paris

Discussant: **Peter Chonka**, King's College, London

10h40-10h50 Coffee Break

10h50-13h15 ETONNANTES ELECTIONS KENYANES

Chair: **Marie-Emmanuelle Pommerolle**, Directrice de l'Institut Français de Recherche sur l'Afrique (IFRA), Nairobi

The making of a democracy: Elite fragmentation, electoral fraud and electoral violence in Kenya 2017s elections

Kamau Wairuri, PhD candidate, University of Edinburgh

Au-delà de l'arène politique nationale, le décor local et régional a-t-il changé ? - **Christian Thibon**, University of Pau

Discussant : **Marie-Emmanuelle Pommerolle**, Directrice de l'IFRA, Nairobi

14h30-17h30 THE GULF CRISIS AND THE GREATER HORN OF AFRICA- Chair: **Patrick Ferras**, consultant indépendant

The Impact of the Qatar Crisis on the foreign policy of the Gulf States - **Michael Stephens**, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), Londres

How the crisis in the Gulf is perceived in Ethiopia and its neighbors of the Horn of Africa - **Berouk Mesfin**, Independent Consultant, Addis Abeba

The Red Sea in the shadow of conflicts - **Annette Weber**, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin

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Congratulations to...

... **Bashir Shariff**, a lecturer in the Islamic University of Omdurman, PhD student in the University of Khartoum, and associate member to CEDEJ Khartoum, for obtaining a 10 month grant from CEDEJ Khartoum, aimed at supporting his PhD research on political islam in Sudan and abroad.

... **Nathalie Coste**, PhD student associated to CEDEJ Khartoum, for her new position in the French Embassy of Bahreïn.

... **Katarzyna Grabska**, associate researcher to CEDEJ Khartoum, for her new position as assistant professor (senior lecturer) at the Institute of International Social Studies, Erasmus University, the Hague, Netherlands.

... **Katarzyna Grabska**, associate researcher to CEDEJ Khartoum, for the latest distinctions of her documentary film «2 Girls» in:

- June, 2017 - 7°Argentina FICiP - Festival International de Cine Politico – Special Mentioning;

- August 2017 – best movie based on a true story at the RIFFA Regina Film Festival in Italy.

Conferences

Dr. **Azza Ahmed Abdel Aziz**, «Ritual Performance : Giving Life to the therapeutic efficacy of a Non-System», Peace and Conflict studies in Anthropology (PACSA) : The Making of Peace, Conflict and Security, Dynamics of Inclusion and Exclusion. 6th Bi-annual meeting, 28-30th August 2017, Amsterdam, Co-organised by the Anthropology of Security Network, 29th August, Panel 22 : Displaced Narratives : Storytelling in Studying war and displacement.

Azza Ahmed Abdel Aziz, « A Mastery of Reinvention : Modalities of State Building and their repercussions in the Rump State of Sudan after 2011», International conference on The Question of Independence and State Building, Fondation Maison des Sciences de L'homme, as part of its international panel on Exiting Violence and in Cooperation with the University of Sulaimani, 07 September 2017, The New Campus, University of Sulaimani, Kurdistan Region-Iraq.

Azza Ahmed Abdel Aziz, «Sudan at the Centre of Migration Debate», Conférence «Migrations en Afrique de l'Est : Defi regional, Enjeu Mondial» , [French Institute for International Relations \(IFRI\)](#), 21 septembre 2017, Paris.

Starting Projects

Azza Ahmed Abdel Aziz and Dr. **Raphaëlle Chevri-
lon-Guibert**, associate researchers at CEDEJ Khartoum,
Conference on Contemporary Sudan held by the Institute
of the Arab World (Institut du Monde Arabe), Paris 28 Sep-
tember 2017, “Un Autre Soudan”. With Nereldin Satti, for-
mer Ambassador of Sudan in France, Debate led by Chris-
tophe Ayad, Le Monde ([programme](#))

Jean-Nicolas Bach, “Les élections éthiopiennes de 2015:
une tragédie en trois actes pour l’opposition libérale mul-
tinationale”, Journée d’étude «Sortir des élections ou des
élections pour sortir des crises, Afrique centrale, Afriques
de l’Est et région des Grands Lacs”, Pau, 6-7 juin 2017,

Jean-Nicolas Bach, Discussant at the occasion of a
Workshop on Water, infrastructure and development in
Ethiopia, organized by Emanuele Fantini, Water Gover-
nance Chair group of UNESCO-IHE, Institute for Water
Education, Delft, Netherlands, 19th June 2017,

Jean-Nicolas Bach, Conference on the situation of Oromo
people in Ethiopia, 31st June, Aire sur l’Adour, France.

Katarzyna Grabska, Université de Genève, 27 June, 2017,
Gender, Alterity and Human Rights – Summer School –
Opening Public debate – panel participant and discussant.

Katarzyna Grabska, VU University in Amsterdam, LOVA
(Netherland’s Feminist Anthropology Conference), July 17,
2017 – keynote speaker: gender, mobility and ethnographic
methods.

Katarzyna Grabska, PACSA (European Anthropology as-
sociation for the study of peace and conflict) Conference,
Amsterdam August 27-29 2017; panel organiser: Dis-
placed narratives: studying war, displacement and peace
through story-telling.

Katarzyna Grabska, Bayreuth, African Academy, Univer-
sity of Bayreuth, Germany, 28-30 September 2017, Waiting
in Africa – workshop participant; presenter: Wasting time:
migratory trajectories of adolescent refugee girls in Khar-
toum.

«Migration and displacement in and from Darfur: Conflict, Livelihoods and Food Insecurity»

Led by **Susanne Jaspars** (Research Associate, SOAS).
and **Margie Buchanan-Smith** (Senior Research Asso-
ciate, HPG/ODI)

Funded by SOAS University & the Dutch Embassy.

Partners: Faculty of Economic and Social Studies-Univer-
sity of Khartoum, Oxfam, ODI, CEDEJ Khartoum

The research aims to examine trends, processes and dri-
vers of migration and displacement in and from Darfur, with
a particular focus on migration flows during its protracted
conflict. The research will provide insights into current mo-
bility patterns, explore the reasons for migration and displa-
cement, how it builds on past migration patterns, and the
decision-making processes of actual and potential migrants
and refugees. The findings will lead to better understanding
of the recent changes in migration flows, in particular to-
wards Europe, and of the effect of current interventions tar-
geting migrants. The study also aims to identify appropriate
responses to reduce levels of irregular or unsafe migration
or create opportunities to stay safely at home. This propo-
sal provides the justification for doing the research, the pro-
posed research questions, methods, timeframe and bud-
get. It also provides background information on the nature
and types of migration in Darfur.

«Pouvoirs et altérité dans la déclaration des zones hu- mides d’intérêt international en Afrique : construction, légitimation et confrontation des savoirs sur la nature - SavNat-Afrique»

Responsable scientifique: **Luisa Arango** (Maîtrese de
Conférences Université de Strasbourg), avec **Guillaume
Christen** (Post-doctorant).

Partenaires : Laboratoire SAGE UMR 7363, Institut d’Eth-
nologie- Faculté de Sciences Sociales, Université de Stras-
bourg, ONCFS, CEDEJ Khartoum.

Dans le cadre de la déclaration d’une zone humide d’in-
térêt international au Soudan sous les conventions inter-
nationales RAMSAR et AEWA, ce projet s’intéresse à la
production de savoirs sur les oiseaux migrateurs. A par-
tir d’une ethnographie multi située nous nous proposons
d’étudier les dispositifs pédagogiques développés dans ce
contexte ; d’analyser différentes situations d’échange, voire
de controverse, autour de la légitimité des savoirs sur les
oiseaux et les zones humides et d’interpréter les représen-
tations graphiques ainsi que les discours concernant les
espaces protégés et les différents acteurs impliqués dans
le processus de conservation.

Trois étudiants de Master 1 rejoindront également le projet :
Eurydice DEVOS, Aurélien LOSSER et Romain DENIMAL



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Dr. Griet Steel (Utrecht University) will be the co-PI for a DFID funded research project, led by Gordon Mc Granahan (IDS Sussex), entitled “**The urban land nexus and inclusive urbanisation in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Khartoum.**” This action-oriented project will use the urban land nexus and its politics to provide the entry point for analysing the cities of Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Khartoum as integrated city systems. The objective is to identify, research, and stimulate policy debate on changes that are politically feasible and scalable, and foster more inclusive and welfare-enhancing urban transitions. Particular attention will be paid to the gender, class and migratory dimensions, and the challenges and opportunities posed by urban informality and hybrid governance. The approach will be multi-disciplinary, with systems and political economy perspectives, along with mapping tools, providing the unifying framework.

[Programme looking for a post-doc researcher in this project](#)

Publications

Jean-Nicolas Bach, «Les élections générales éthiopiennes de 2015: un drame en trois actes pour l'opposition libérale multinationale», *Critique Internationale*, n°76, 2017, p.147-165.

Jean-Nicolas Bach & Clément Deshayes, «Sudan 2016», in *Africa Year Book*, Brill, Jon Abbink, Sebastian Elischer, Andreas Mehler and Henning Melber (eds.), 2017.

Jean-Nicolas Bach, *Ethiopia 2014*, in *A Decade of Ethiopia*, Jon Abbink (ed.), 2017.

Katarzyna Grabska, (2017) «Jeunes filles armées, femmes violées, porteuses de valises: les guerres au Sud Soudan », in *Collectanea Sudanica* eds Waldemar Cisko, Jarosław Rózański and Maciej Ząbek, vol. 1

Katarzyna Grabska, (2017) “South Sudanese in Khartoum: The House in Amarat” (with Peter Miller), in *Collectanea Sudanica* eds Waldemar Cisko, Jarosław Rózański and Maciej Ząbek, vol. 1

Katarzyna Grabska, (2017) Book review: *The Concerned Women of Buduburam: Refugee Activists and Humanitarian Dilemmas* by Elizabeth Holzer. *American Journal of Sociology*, September, vol. 123, no. 2

Katarzyna Grabska, (2017) Book review: *Negotiating Belongings: Stories of Forced Migration of Dinka Woman from South Sudan*, by Melanie Baak, *International Migration Review*, September.

Vezzadini, Elena. “An Uphill Job Demanding Limitless Patience’. *The Establishment of Trade Unions and the Conflicts of Development in Sudan, 1946-1952.* In *Development as a Battlefield*, edited by Irene Bono and Béatrice Hibou, Graduate Institute Publications, Brill-Nijhoff. International Development Policy Series No.8. Geneva, Boston, 2017, pp. 81-108

Griet Steel, «Navigating (im)mobility: female entrepreneurship and social media in Khartoum», *Africa*, 87 (2), 2017, p.233-252.

Griet Steel, Klaufus C. & van Noorloos F., «The urban land debate in the global South: new avenues for research», *Geoforum*, 83, 2017, p.133-141.

Griet Steel, I. Cottyn & P. van Lindert, «New connections - new dependencies Spatial and digital flows in Sub-Saharan African livelihoods», in L; De Haan (ed.), *Livelihoods and Development. New Perspectives*. Leiden - Boston: Brill, p.148-167.

In the Press

Jean-Nicolas Bach, «Ethiopie: les paradoxes du 'lion africain'», *Diplomatie Magazine*, n°88, septembre-octobre 2017.

Jean-Nicolas Bach, «[L’Ethiopie prend la main sur le Nil](#)», par Jean Rombier, *Magazine GEO*.

Jean-Nicolas Bach, «[Embargo sur le Soudan: Trump décide de ne rien décider](#)», par Célian Macé, *Libération*, 14 juillet 2017.

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Ethiopie: les Forces de Défense nationale à la manoeuvre, par **Patrick Ferras**, Note d’actualité n°1, juin 2017.

Kenya 2017: the interim election?, by **Justin Willis, Nic Cheeseman, Gabrielle Lynch**, Note d’actualité n°2, July 2017.

Dynamiques des mobilisations en Ethiopie depuis les élections de 2015, par **Jeanne Aisserge**, Note d’analyse n°2, Août 2017.

Le Soudan, un pays de stination? Le cas des Syriens arrivés à Khartoum depuis 2011, par **Alice Koumurian**, Note d’actualité n°3, septembre 2017.

Transient Students & Researchers

Anael Poussier, PhD student in history, Université Paris 1-Sorbonne, as joined CEDEJ-Khartoum as a new Associate. Anael arrived in Khartoum in July 2017. After having worked on the Anglo-Egyptian garrison of Sawakin between 1883 and 1891 for his Master in History, he has chosen, with the help of his supervisor, Mr. P. Vermeren (University of Paris I - Sorbonne), to focus his research on the interactions between regional actors in the Sudan and the central government during the Mahdiyya. He has been studying the different dynamics of tribal mobilization that can be witnessed in the Sudan at that time, quite particularly in the Eastern Sudan. The research aims at emphasizing the complex and fluctuant connections between socio-economical factors and tribal adhesion to the Mahdist movement. He is thus particularly interested in the Mahdist correspondence which should enable to define the nature of those relationships.

Matthew Benson is a PhD candidate in Durham University's Department of History and has joined CEDEJ-Khartoum as a new Associate. His research combines descriptive statistics with an analysis of archival sources to examine how people have experienced, and shaped, public authority in South Sudan & Sudan by complying or contesting taxes in the country.

This research builds on Matthew's experience examining the links between tax and state-building in post-CPA South Sudan, and the political economy of tax reforms in post-conflict countries more broadly, with the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex. It is also informed by field postings in South Sudan with Crown Agents and Sudan with Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). Matthew has also conducted field research in Uganda and undertaken research assignments with the Overseas Development Institute, the World Bank, the UN Refugee Agency and Oxfam America.

Matthew was researching relevant files in the National Records Office and will also be giving a presentation on his research at the University of Khartoum on 15 June 2017 (location TBA).

Christina Gregory is a PhD student from the University of California, Riverside, Department of Political Science. Her research looks at the Sudanese military after the first civil war. She is interested in the way southern forces were integrated into the national military and what the military was like in terms of demographics leading up to the first civil war and during the 1970s up till the second civil war starts.



Institutional affiliations



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