Dear colleagues,

CEDEJ-Khartoum wishes you a very happy and fruitful new year!

After few months of slow activity, the new CEDEJ-Khartoum coordination is pleased to welcome researchers to its premises located in Khartoum 2, West Farouq Cemetery. We hope that during 2021 the many individual and collective scientific projects initiated in 2020, in collaboration with CEDEJ-Khartoum, will be completed. During the first semester of 2021, we would like to focus on different types of scientific and friendly meetings (General Seminar, Thursday café, workshop and students conducting long-term fieldwork). The idea is to strengthen the links within the CEDEJ-Khartoum academic community and to promote the integration of young researchers. In the spotlight: two research programmes newly started in 2021 and the arrival of Barbara Casciari (Anthropologue, Paris 8, CEDEJ-Khartoum) as CNRS invited fellow.

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Collaborations and Institutional Partnerships

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Practice traditions as power and resistance: the uses of nafr under the socialist and islamist political regimes (1969-1985; 1989-2019)

This project is coordinated by Elena Vezzadini (IMAF, Paris 1) in collaboration with CEDEJ-Khartoum.

The project aim is to preserve the history of feminine and feminist movements that developed from the 1940s in the capital and in three of the major urban centers of the actual Republic of Sudan, known as being historical hubs of political activism (El Obeid, Wad Medani, Atbara), by working to create an archive of the women movement. The lack of an accessible archive of the women movement has contributed to render women almost invisible in the historiography of the country. Instead, the recent civilan revolution reminds us of their continuous presence in the Sudanese political and militant social life, which has yet to be documented.

"Self-help traditions as power and resistance: the uses of nafr under the socialist and islamist political regimes (1969-1985; 1989-2019)". This project is coordinated by Anne Laure Mahé (IRSEE, Paris) with the logistic support of CEDEJ-Khartoum.


During those two periods, it has been interpreted by authorities as a tool for legitimisation, control, mobilization, but also more prosaically funding. The research intends to look at how, in doing so, tradition has been mixed first with communist ideology, and later with an Islamist and neoliberal one, taking on different meanings for both the rulers and the ruled. The field research aims to identify relevant archives from the Nimeiri period.

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We are pleased to announce the program of activities of CEDEJ-Khartoum for the first semester 2021:

- Monthly General Seminar: This monthly seminar is to encourage friendly meetings between associated researchers and students conducting long-term fieldwork. The idea is to share methodological issues, fieldwork difficulties and solutions, but also addresses, tips or advice while sharing a cup of coffee.

- Transient researchers

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- Publications

CEDEJ-Khartoum is highly engaged in the scientific and editorial board of the journal Sources, Materials & Fieldwork in African Studies. This journal’s mission is twofold: first, to resituate at the core of the articles the materials upon which researchers produce their reflections, while providing direct access to these materials; and second, to present analyses focusing on the contexts surrounding the production of these materials and their uses (https://www.sources-journal.org/162). We strongly encourage researchers working in Sudan to submit articles to this journal.


Upcoming events

CEDEJ-Khartoum will welcome an internal workshop of the project CliMigra_Form (https://climigrafform.org) in April 2021.

«Développement de formation à l’enquête participative et citoyenne sur climat et migrations»

It s d’un programme biannuel (2020-2022) financé par le MEAE (Ministère de l’Europe et des Affaires Etrangères) dans le cadre de l’ADESA (Aide au Développement de l’Enseignement Supérieur Français en Afrique) avec le support du FEI (France Education International). Il se déplie par le biais d’un partenariat entre l’Université Paris 8 Vincennes-Saint-Denis (France) et l’Université de Khartoum (Soudan).

Lucie Revilla (Phd candidate, Political Sciences, LAMI) will defend her thesis «Working for Social Order : local hierarchies and social control practices in popular neighborhoods of Khartoum and Lagos» on 24th of March at 02:30 pm.

Harry Cross (Phd Candidate, History, Durham University) will defend his thesis «Banking and Finance in Sudan: 1956 to 1970» on 22nd of April 2021 at 04:00 pm.

Chères collègues, chers collègues,

Le CEDEJ-Khartoum vous souhaite une belle et fructueuse année 2021 !
