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THE BELGIAN CONGO
BETWEEN THE TWO WORLD WARS
17 & 18 MARCH, 2016
PROGRAMME
THURSDAY 17 MARCH, 2016

Morning Session (9:00 – 12:00)

Pierre Petit, President of the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences
Welcome Address

Jacques Vanderlinden, President of the Organizing Committee
Introduction

Politics, Order and Law

Chair: Jacob Sabakinu Kivilu,
Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences & Université de Kinshasa (DRC)

Discussants:

Charlotte Braillon, Université de Liège (Belgium)
African Law in the Belgian Congo. A New Appraisal of Colonial Legal History

Vincent Genin, Université de Liège (Belgium)
The International Situation of the Belgian Congo from the Perspective of International Law Jurists after the Treaty of Versailles (1919-1920)

Amandine Lauro, FNRS, Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)
Une colonie si tranquille. Urban Order, Security Anxieties and Colonial Control in the Belgian Congo (1919-1940)

Pascaline Le Polain, Centre for Historical Research and Documentation on War and Contemporary Society (Belgium) & Bérengère Piret, Université Saint-Louis (Belgium)
Men dedicated to supply the Shortage of Means. The Small Justice and the Small Judges of the Belgian Congo (1908-1960)

Patricia Van Schuylenbergh, Royal Museum for Central Africa (Belgium)
The Question of Internationalism around Nature Reserve Albert National Park: between Hunting, Science and Diplomacy

LUNCH (12:00 – 14:00)
Afternoon Session (14:00 – 17:00)

ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

Chair: Guy Vanthemsche, Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences & Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium)

Discussants:

Jacques Charlier, Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences (Belgium)
  Railway Expansion in the Former Belgian Congo between the Two World Wars

Piet Clement, Independent Researcher (Switzerland)

Stephanie Kerckhofs, KU Leuven (Belgium)
  Crisis and Science: the Evolution of Agricultural Science in the Belgian Congo during the Great Depression

Johan Lagae, Universiteit Gent (Belgium), Jacob Sabakinu Kivilu, Université de Kinshasa (DRC) & Luce Beeckmans, Universiteit Gent (Belgium)
  Pour Matadi la question (de la ségrégation) est encore plus grave qu’ailleurs. The Making and Shaping of a Congolese Harbour City: Matadi 1920-1940

Pierre Tilly, Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium)

Sven Van Melkebeke, Universiteit Gent (Belgium)
  The Development of Divergent Coffee-producing Paths in the Lake Kivu Area
Morning Session (9:00 – 12:00)

**Culture**

**Chair:** Pierre Halen, Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences & Université de Lorraine (France)

**Discussants:**

Phillip Cantrell, Longwood University (USA)
*Negotiating the Space between the Locals and the Colonials: the Role of the Anglican Church in the Belgian Congo*

Anne Cornet, Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences (Belgium) & Royal Museum for Central Africa (Belgium)
*Female Labour in a Colonial Context: a Prosopography of Secular and Missionary Western Women in the Belgian Congo*

Kasongo M. Kapanga, University of Richmond (USA)
*The Question of Cinema for the Natives between World Wars in Congo*

Yasmine Van Pee, University of California at Berkeley (USA)
*La colonisation pittoresque: Cultural Politics and the Interwar Debates on Belgian Colonial Government*

Antoine Tshitungu Kongolo, Université de Lubumbashi (DRC)
*Emergence of a Belgian Colonial Ideology in the Interwar Period: Speech, Ideological and Symbolic References, Cultural Expressions*

LUNCH (12:00 – 14:00)
Afternoon Session (14:00 – 17:00)

**Final Reflections**

**Chair:** Pierre Petit, President of the Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences

Bogumil Koss, Université Laval (Canada)
Jacques Vanderlinden, Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences

**Final Discussion**

FAREWELL DRINK
Poster Presentations

The following posters will be presented during the breaks:

Donatien Dibwe Dia Mwembu
Women as the Base of the Social Policy of Union Minière du Haut-Katanga during the Interwar Years (1918-1939)

Khaled Ismaili & Philippe Lepage
Sleeping Sickness Management in the Belgian Congo between the Two World Wars

Eva Schalbroeck
The Influence of the First World War on Belgian Colonial Thought: an Element of Disjuncture or Continuity

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