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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

Valentine Dewulf, Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)
Exiles in their Own Country. Relegation in the Belgian Congo during the Interwar Period

Vincent Genin, Université de Liège (Belgium)
The International Situation in the Belgian Congo from the Perspective of International Lawyers between the Two World Wars. From the Conventions of Saint-Germain (1919) to the CPJI’s casus “Oscar Chinn” (1934)

Amandine Lauro, FNRS, Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium) & Bérengère Piret, Université Saint-Louis (Belgium)
Sexual Violence, Female Consent and Colonial Justice in the Belgian Congo: Reflections from the Interwar Period

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)  

Johan LAIGAE, Universiteit Gent (Belgium), Jacob SABAKINU KIYILU, 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 during the Interwar Years*

Stephanie KERCKHOFS, KU Leuven (Belgium)  
*Science as Solution. The Role of Agricultural Science in fighting off the Great Depression in Belgian Congo*

Pierre TILLY, Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium)  

Sven VAN MELKEBEKE, Universiteit Gent (Belgium)  
*Diversity in Development: Deviant Coffee-producing Paths in the Belgian Congo and Ruanda-Urundi (1918-1940)*

Patricia VAN SCHUYLENBERGH, Royal Museum for Central Africa (Belgium)  
*The Question of Internationalism around Nature Reserve Albert National Park: between Hunting, Science and Diplomacy*
**FRIDAY 18 MARCH, 2016**

**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)  
*Struggling for Space between the Locals and the Colonials: the Anglican Church in the Belgian Congo in the Interwar Years*

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 the Congo*

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

Yasmine Van Pee, University of California at Berkeley (USA)  
La colonisation pittoresque: *Interwar Colonial Politics as Cultural Politics*

**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 Jewsiewicki, Université Laval (Canada)  
Jacques Vanderlinden, Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences

**Final Discussion**

FAREWELL DRINK
Poster Presentations

Khalid 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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