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Editorial

We are very pleased to present the first CEDEJ Khartoum newsletter, indicating the scientific activities of the centre from September 2016 to January 2017- in conjunction with its main partners. The next newsletters shall be published on a trimestre basis and will present and share up coming events and scientific contributions.

We would like to seize this opportunity to express our gratitude and best wishes to Dr. Alice Franck, who after three years in the role of Coordinator of CEDEJ Khartoum has resumed, starting from September 2016, her position as 'Maître de Conférence' in Geography at Paris 1 Pantheon- Sorbonne. Notwithstanding, she remains very active within the Sudanese domain and deeply affiliated to the CEDEJ Khartoum as an Associate Researcher.

We are also proud to illustrate our new logo designed by Julien Rabotteau. The prominant Blue and White colors not only evoque the meeting of the Blue and White Niles within Sudan, but equally symbolize transnational connections with the wider region, extending from the Great Lakes to the Middle-East, through the Horn of Africa and the Mediterranean shores.

We hope that the information contained in this Newsletter will provide a useful source of information. It introduces our students and researchers and should provide an avenue for our readers to keep a breast of our activites in Sudan and abroad.

We wish you a happy new academic and non-academic year 2017, and we look forward meeting you in Khartoum.

Jean-Nicolas Bach, Coordinator CEDEJ Khartoum

Alice Koumurian, Project officer

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Upcoming Events

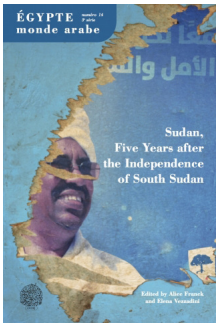
On **February 22th**, 2017, at 4 pm, **Mahasin Yousif** , PhD candidate at the University of Khartoum, affiliate of CEDEJ Khartoum, will present her doctoral research on «Studying Obliterated History in Sudan: Methodological Challenges».

On **March 6th**, 2017, at 4 pm, Dr **Susanne Jaspars** from the University of Bristol will present her PhD research on the history of food aid in Sudan.

On **March 16-17th**, 2017, three of CEDEJ Khartoum researchers, **Azza Ahmed Abdel Aziz, Katarzyna Grabska and Mohamed A. G. Bakhit,** will present a panel at the Refugee Studies Centre (RSC) Triennial conference at Keble Oxford College, "Beyond Crisis: Rethinking Refugee Studies". Their panel is entitled: "Negotiating citizenship, inclusion and exclusion in forced migration". This panel will also include the participation of Milena Belloni (American Academy in Rome), Catherine Brun (Oxford Brookes University), Anita Häusermann Fábos (Clark University) and Oroub El-Abed (British Academy, Council for British Research in the Levant).

On **April 6-7th** 2017, the **Observatoire de l'Afrique de l'Est** will organize an international Worskshop/Conference in Hendaya (France). This meeting explores definitions pertaining to upcoming research/publications related to the programme. Public conferences will also be held on political, economic and religious stakes in North East Africa in the contemporary era. Two historians will present their research about the history of the "Chateau Observatoire Abbadia".

Publications



« Le Soudan après l'indépendance du Soudan du Sud », directed by **Alice Franck and Elena Vezzadini**, Egypte Monde Arabe. November 2016.

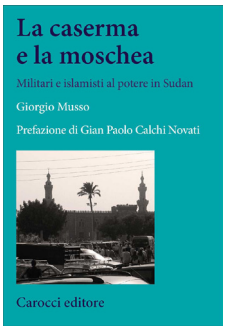
Alice Franck, Jean Gardin and Olivier Givre, «Blood and the City, Animal Representations and Urban (Dis)orders during the 'Feast of the Sacrifice' in Istanbul and Khartoum», *Anthropology of the Middle East*, Volume 11 / 2016.

Alice Franck, « Insécurité foncière généralisée à Khartoum : quand les titres de propriété ne protègent plus des prédations publiques », *Métropolitiques*, November 2016.

Laure Crombé and Guillaume Sauloup, « Autoritarisme, hybridation et pratiques du pouvoir dans le Grand Khartoum : une étude des services de l'eau et du commerce de rue », *L'Espace Politique*, published online on December 9th, 2016. https://espacepolitique.revues.org/4018

Clément Deshayes, « Émergence de nouveaux groupes contestataires urbains et dynamiques de la semi-clandestinité au Soudan », *Confluences Méditerranée*, 2016/3 (N° 98), p. 61-73.

Giorgio Musso, *La caserna e la moscea. Militari e islamisti al potere in Sudan,* Prefazione di Gian Paolo Calchi Novati, Carroci editore, 2017.



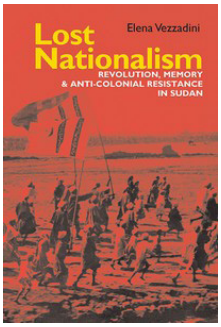
Katarzyna Grabska, South Sudanese in Khartoum: The House in Amarat" (with Peter Miller), Egypte/ Monde Arabe, 2016, vol. 14.

Katarzyna Grabska, «Eritrean Migratory Trajectories of Adolescence in Khartoum: (Im)mobility, Identities, and Social Media», in *Networks of Knowledge Production in Sudan. Identities, Mobilities, and Technologies*, Sondra Hale and Gada Kadoda (ed.), Lexington Books, September 2016.

Monthly Seminars in CEDEJ Khartoum

"Democracy and Political Parties in the Arab World. Case Study: Sudan and Lebanon". A PhD seminar by **Azza Mustapha Ahmed**, on January 23rd, 2017, at CEDEJ Khartoum.

Congratulations to...



... **Elena Vezzadini** - The African Studies Association awarded the 2016 Bethwell A. Ogot Prize to Elena Vezzadini's book «Lost Nationalism Revolution, Memory and Anti-colonial Resistance in Sudan» (James Currey Press, 2015) for the best book on East African Studies.

... **Katarzyna Grabska** - Associate researcher at CEDEJ Khartoum and at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies of Geneva (IHEID), Katarzyna Grabska coordinated from January 2014 to December 2015 the research programme « Time to Look at Girls: Adolescent Girls Migration and Development » with Nicoletta Del Franco and Marina de Regt (with the support of the Swiss Network of International Studies - SNIS). This research programme resulted in the making of «2 Girls» (2016), a documentary by Marco Speroni. «2 Girls», which focuses on the migration trajectories of two teenage girls in Bangladesh and Ethiopia, was rewarded twice in 2016, winning the Grand Prix for the Best Foreign Film at the Warsaw International HumanDoc Film Festival and the Rome International Film Festival (RIFF) Award for the Best Italian Documentary.

... **Dr. Elwassila Saed** for his new position as Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Social Studies, University of Khartoum. He succeeded to Dr. Hassan Elhaj Ali in January 2017. The Team of CEDEJ Khartoum will maintain and go on improving its strong partnership with the Faculty, initiated with Dr. Hassan's.

... **Laure Crombé** who defended her PhD thesis on January 16th, 2017 in Paris Ouest Nanterre University: « Enjeux d'échelles, enjeux politiques : l'approvisionnement et l'accès à l'eau dans les quartiers périphériques du Grand Khartoum (Soudan) », under the supervision of Dr Alain Dubresson and Olivier Graefe. Jury: Prof. Alain DUBRESSON (Paris Ouest Nanterre University), Prof. Olivier GRAEFE (Fribourg University), Prof. Sylvy JAGLIN (Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée University), Professor Éric DENIS (CNRS); Prof. David BLANCHON (Paris-Ouest Nanterre la Défense University); Prof. Kathryn FURLONG (Montreal University). Laure Crombé received the support of CEDEJ Khartoum during her fieldwork in Sudan.

International Conferences

Professor Hassan Elhaj Ali's participation to the conference '**The changing character of Africa's armed forces**' (Les nouveaux visages des armées africaines), held by IRSEM in Paris (Ecole militaire), on October 5-6th 2016.

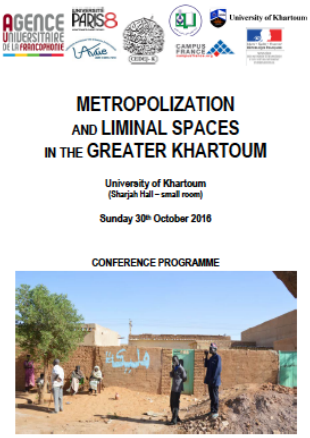
Annual seminar of the '**Observatoire de l'Afrique de l'Est**', DGRIS (Defence ministry/Conseil Régional d'Aquitaine/LAM Sciences Po Bordeaux/ IRSEM école militaire), directed by Jean-Nicolas Bach, Coordinator of CEDEJ Khartoum, October 13th, 2016:

OBSERVATOIRE AFRIQUE DE L'EST
ENJEUX POLITIQUES & SÉCURITAIRES

Introduction - Jean-Nicolas Bach
Table-Ronde 1
La Corne de l'Afrique et ses marges :
Nouvelles dynamiques économiques
Clélie Nallet, IFRI, Présidente de séance
Bernard Calas, Prof. de Géographie, Univ. Bordeaux
Les liens commerciaux Soudan du Sud/Ouganda
Philippe Danieau, CMA-CGM Djibouti, *Les réseaux portuaires : Corne de l'Afrique et la péninsule arabique*
Pierre Blanc, Bordeaux Sciences Agro/LAM, *La fin de l'hydro-hégémonie égyptienne sur le Nil*

Table-Ronde 2, Influences extrarégionales et réalignements sécuritaires dans la Corne de l'Afrique
Patrick Ferras, CSBA, Président de séance
Sonia le Gouriellec, IRSEM, *Les nouveaux partenaires économiques de Djibouti*
Gérard Prunier, Chercheur indépendant, *La guerre au Yémen et ses effets dans la Corne de l'Afrique*
Aleksi Ylönen, University Institute of Lisbon, *Eritrea: Redefining Friends and Foes ?*

The conference '**Metropolization and Liminal Spaces in Greater Khartoum**', was held on Sunday 30th October, 2016 at the University of Khartoum. This conference heralded the end of a two-year research programme entitled « Metro 2 Sudan » and conducted by a Sudanese/international team of researchers and students from the CEDEJ Khartoum and from the University of Khartoum. This research programme has received support from the AUF (Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie) as well as several other partners (Paris 8 University/LAVUE, the French ministry of Foreign Affairs/Campus France and the Sudanese ministry of Higher Education):



Introduction - Alice Franck & Barbara Casciarri
Panel 1 -
Azza Ahmed Abdelaziz - The In-betweenness of Southerners in Khartoum: Recasting Different Registers of Status through Narrative and Experience
Mohamed Bakhit - The 'community' citizenship status for Southern Sudanese in Khartoum. The case of Al-Baraka
Katarzyna Grabska - Negotiating citizenship and belonging in displacement: Nuer in Khartoum
Alice Franck - The second urban marginalization: Southerners in popular neighbourhoods of Greater Khartoum from a land property analysis

Panel 2 –
Barbara Casciarri & Alice Franck - Reconfigurations of the pastoral and agricultural in-betweenness in Khartoum State.
Clément Deshayes - New socio-political actors: the stakes of categorisation and political reproduction
Peter Miller - Whom to marry? An ethnographic study of marriage practices and strategies amongst upper-middle class city-dwellers
Hind M Yusuf - The Impact of urbanization on education processes: Youth's life strategies in Al-Fatah
Mohamed A Babiker - Between Law and Practices. Rendering vulnerable displaced and stateless on issues of land and identity

The workshop '**Arabic Loanwords in Sudanese Languages: A comparative Perspective**' was held in CEDEJ Khartoum on December 15-16th, 2016. This workshop is the result of a joint organization between "SEDYL" and "LLACAN", two CNRS laboratories and the University of Khartoum. It was coordinated by Stefano Manfredi and it received the support of PHC NAPATA (French Embassy in Sudan/Campus France):

Thursday, 15 December
Introduction - Abeer Bashir (University of Khartoum) and Stefano Manfredi (CNRS, SeDyL)
Roundtable 1
Borrowing and Loanwords - Stefano Manfredi (CNRS, SeDyL)
Arabic loanwords in Fulfulde and Hausa - Al Amin Abu Manga (University of Khartoum)
Roundtable 2
Arabic interferences in two Yulu texts - Pascal Boyeldieu (CNRS, LLACAN)
The Arabic lexical contribution to contemporary spoken Koalib - Nicolas Quint (CNRS, LLACAN)

Friday, 16 December
Roundtable 3
Discussion of data – Abeer Basheer, Maha Abdalla, ALShareef Waleed, Elnur Ibrahim, Fatima Idris, Mohammed Abeer, Mohammed Mohamoud, Nashid Mohammed, Sosal Ahmed

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Thanks to the French Institute and its Fonds d'Alembert, CEDEJ Khartoum was able to co-fund the participation of five of its affiliated researchers to the international scientific conference '**Borders and Territorial Reconfigurations in the Middle East and the Sahel**' organized by CEDEJ Cairo, held from January 30th to 31st, 2017, in Aswan. CEDEJ Khartoum thus presented a panel entitled "Borders, mobilities and State-making" chaired by Professor Hassan Elhaj Ali (University of Khartoum) and composed of:

Géraldine Pinauldt (IFG, Paris 8 University) and Nathalie Coste (CERI-Sciences Po, CEDEJ Khartoum), « Somaliland et Soudan du Sud: Réappropriations coloniales creations d'Etats en miroir ».
Raphaëlle Chevrillon-Guibert (IRD, PRODIG, CEDEJ Khartoum), « Construction asymétrique des territoires et contestation de l'Etat dans le Sahel central : les enjeux territoriaux du boom minier au Tchad et au Soudan ».
Bashir Sharif (University of Khartoum, CEDEJ Khartoum), « Thinking Islamic Borders in the Horn of Africa ».
Netsreab Ghebremichael (University of Khartoum, CEDEJ Khartoum), "Migrant Influxes And Their Implications To Border And Territorial Reconfigurations In Sub-Saharan Africa: The Case Of Eritrea And Sudan".
During this conference, two other CEDEJ Khartoum researchers also chaired panels: Dr. Jean-Nicolas Bach (coordinator CEDEJ Kharotum) and Dr Alice Franck (Paris 8 University, CEDEJ Khartoum).

In the press

Jean-Nicolas Bach, Interview in Le Monde, «Privilégier la stabilité économique à l'ouverture politique a créé une situation explosive en Ethiopie», by Emeline Wuilberq, September 27th, 2016.

Raphaëlle Chevrillon-Guibert, on December 8th 2016, answered to Thierry Garcin on France Culture's « Enjeux internationaux » about the situation in Sudan five years after the independence of South Sudan.

Nathalie Coste, interview on Radio France International following the increase of prices and popular strikes: click here

Anne-Laure Mahé, Interview on the political and economic situation in Sudan on « Planète Terre », channel of the Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales de l'Université de Montréal: click here

Transient Students & Researchers

Ester Serra Mingot - As part of the Marie Curie Initial Training Network (ITN), TRANSMIC (Transnational Migration, Citizenship and the Circulation of Rights and Responsibilities), Ester Serra Mingot is conducting her PhD on "Transnational social protection: How Sudanese migrants in the Netherlands and the United Kingdom and their families in Sudan make use of social protection, locally and transnationally". This joint PhD project, between the University of Maastricht (Netherlands) and the University of Aix-Marseille (France), runs from 2014 until 2017. During the course of the fieldwork in Sudan (mostly Khartoum and Omdurman), Ester Serra Mingot conducted ethnographic research with the families of the migrants I had previously met and interviewed in the Netherlands and the United Kingdom (UK).

Lucie Révilla is a PhD student in Political Sociology affiliated to Sciences Po Bordeaux/LAM. She adopted a comparative perspective (Khartoum-Lagos), focusing on the following topics: the construction of social authority in popular areas, the role of grassroot organizations ("traditional" and governmental) in urban local governments, their effects in terms of production of order and everyday justice at the scale of the neighborhood. From a bottom-up approach, she studies how popular areas are governed in two major African metropolises, raising some issues such as: Which diversity of actors is revealed? How these areas are ordered and how the social relationships are shaped by the inhabitants in relation to the state? What does power relationships tell us about the urban governments? She uses the ethnographic method to enter into the fabric of power relationships, including the ambiguities and the complexity that it implies. She particularly compares the overlapping of local authorities between traditional rulers (baale and balogun in Lagos; 'omda, nazir and shyukh in Khartoum) and local governmental organizations (Community Development Associations in Lagos, popular committees in Khartoum). Those local institutions have been highly involved in the maintenance of order and in the everyday justice at the neighborhood scale. They are essential intermediaries between the state and the society, also blurring the lines between the so-called formal and informal. How do some actors negotiate under constraint their relations with the state is thus one major issue raised by the research.

Clément Méléard is a student in Geography at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University. Under the supervision of Dr Alice Franck (Paris 1) and Dr Raphaëlle Chevrillon-Guibert (IRD), Clément is studying artisanal gold mining in Sudan. The substantial loss of the Sudanese oil revenue, following the split with South Sudan in 2011, has led the country to direct its economy towards its gold potential. This new field brings together different cross-cutting issues that still need to be explored.

Max Münch, a student in Anthropology at the University of Bayreuth. For his Master's thesis, he conducted three months of fieldwork in a Quranic school in Northern Kordofan. In an immersive process, the research was based upon the multi-sensorial focal points of didactics, socialization and embodied knowledge. He participated in the daily learning routine to get access to the social and experiential ways of teaching, learning and knowing.

Vivian Hartlief is a Dutch master student. During my bachelor studies Liberal Arts and Sciences, she specialised in two scientific fields; both Religion Sciences and Environmental Sciences. These two specialisations laid the foundation for her master study International Development Studies, which she obtains at Utrecht University. For this master study she chose to conduct her research in Sudan. The general topic for her research is the Syrian community living in Khartoum and the challenges they face in regard to creating a sustainable livelihood.

Institutional affiliations

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