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Editorial: Happy new year!

Chères collègues, chers collègues,
Le CEDEJ-Khartoum vous souhaite une belle et fructueuse année 2021 !
Après quelques mois d'activités au ralenti, la nouvelle coordination du CEDEJ-Khartoum est heureuse de vous accueillir dans ses locaux à Khartoum 2 à l'Ouest du Cimitère Farouq. Nous espérons que cette nouvelle année verra l'achèvement des nombreux projets scientifiques, collectifs et individuels initiés en 2020 en collaboration avec le Centre. Pendant le premier semestre 2021, nous souhaitons mettre l'accent sur différents types de rencontres scientifiques et conviviales (séminaire général, café des jeudis, atelier « lectures et terrains anthropologiques »). L'idée est de renforcer les liens de la communauté académique gravitant autour du CEDEJ-Khartoum et de permettre l'intégration des jeunes chercheurs et chercheuses. A l'honneur, deux programmes de recherche débutés en 2021 et l'accueil en délégation CNRS de Barbara Casciarri (Anthropologue, Paris 8, CEDEJ-Khartoum)!

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 on anthropological readings and fieldworks). 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 Casciarri (Anthropologue, Paris 8, CEDEJ-Khartoum) as CNRS invited fellow!

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Ongoing research programs

«The archives of the women movement in Sudan, 1940-2010 (Modern Endangered Archives Program-UCLA)»: 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 civilian 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 nafîr under the socialist and islamist political regimes (1969-1985; 1989-2019)»: This project is coordinated by Anne Laure Mahé (IRSEM, Paris) with the logistic support of CEDEJ-Khartoum.

rule of Nimeiri (1969-1985) and Omar al-Bashir (1989-2019). During those two periods, it has been reinterpreted by authorities as a tool for legitimation, 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.

Scientific news

CEDEJ-Khartoum is glad to Welcome Barbara Casciarri as CNRS invited fellow.
Barbara Casciarri is a lecturer (HDR) in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Université Paris 8, and a researcher at LAVUE, UMR 7218. She has been conducting research in Sudan since 1989, in political, economic and environmental anthropology. Her current research project is entitled "Ideologies and naturalisation practices in revolutionary contexts: environments and identities in Sudan after 2019". Former coordinator of the CEDEJ-Khartoum (2006-2009), she currently coordinates the "CliMigraForm" program on a participatory survey on climate and migration in Sudan" (2020-22) (https://climigraform.org/en/climigra_form/) and the ANR project THAWRA_SuR, "Thinking Alternative Worlds Across Sudanese Revolution" (2021-2024).

Collaborations and Institutional Partnerships

In February 2021, CEDEJ-Khartoum joined the inter-UMIFRE network of the Gender Institute. The members of this network are informed of the activities of the GIS and contribute to the dissemination of research related to gender and sexualities conducted by colleagues associated with UMIFRE. The focal point for CEDEJ-Khartoum in the inter-UMIFRE network GIS Gender Institute is Elena Vezzadini.

Conferences, seminars, workshops

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

Monthly General Seminar: This monthly seminar is intended to be a place for exchanging about the ongoing research or scientific publications of researchers affiliated to CEDEJ-Khartoum.

Serie of Workshops: «anthropological readings and fieldworks»: (Held by Barbara Casciarri)
This workshop aims to combine the reading of anthropology monographs on Sudan with reflections rooted in fieldwork experiences in Sudan since 1989 up to today.

Thursday café: The aim of these café is to encourage friendly meetings between associated researchers and students visiting Sudan and researchers and students conducting long-term fieldwork. The idea is to share methodological issues, fieldwork difficulties and solutions, but also addresses, tips or advices while sharing a cup of coffee.

Transient researchers

In December 2020, CEDEJ-Khartoum had the pleasure of welcoming Hind Meddeb for his documentary film project «Our Voices, Our Weapons» which aims to tell the political transition in Sudan through the experience of young Sudanese.

Publications

CEDEJ-Khartoum is highly engaged in the scientific and editorial board 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.

Amani el-Obeid published the paper «Women Wearing Niqab in Sudan: A Growing Phenomenon» for Egypte Monde Arabe journal (https://journals.openedition.org/ema/11577).

Upcoming events

CEDEJ-Khartoum will welcome an internal workshop of the project CliMigra_Form
(https://climigraform.org/)
«Développement de formation à l'enquête participative et citoyenne sur climat et migrations»
Il s'agit d'un programme biannuel (2020-2022) financé par le MEAE (Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Etrangères) dans le cadre de l'ADESFA (Aide au Développement de l'Enseignement Supérieur Français en Afrique) avec le support du FEI (France Education International). Il se déploie par le biais d'un partenariat entre l'Université Paris 8 Vincennes-Saint Denis (France) et l'Université de Khartoum (Soudan).
21st of March 2021

Lucie Revilla (Phd candidate, Political Sciences, LAM) will defend her thesis
«**Working for Social Order : local hiérarchies and social control practices in popular neighborhoods of Khartoum and Lagos**»
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»
22nd of April 2021 at 04:00 pm.

Institutional affiliations

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