



International Academic Conference
**Borders and Territorial Reconfigurations
in the Middle East and the Sahel**

January 30th - 31st 2017

Sunday, January 29th, 2017

- 7:00-11:00 Brunch and end of registration (10:00 to 11:00)
12:00-16:00 Fieldwork excursion
18:00 Buffet/Film projection *We are Rebels*, a documentary by Katherine Von Schroeder in presence of the filmmaker

*Location: Arab Academy for Science, Technology
and Maritime Transport*

- 9:15 Bus departure from hotel
9:30 Official opening
10:00-11:15 **Keynote 1.**
- Paul Nugent (Univ. of Edinburgh-CAS), *Re-(B)ordering Africa: Beyond the Cairo Resolution?*

Keynote 2.

- Michel Foucher (Collège d'études mondiales, FMSH, Paris), *Réflexions géopolitiques sur les dynamiques frontalières contemporaines au Moyen-Orient et au Sahel*

- 11:15-12:00 Discussion/Debate
12:00-13:00 Lunch Break
13:00-15:00 **Panel 1. Bordering/shifting borders in the Middle East**
Chair: Karine Bennafla (CEDEJ, Cairo)

- Daniel Meier (Univ. of Grenoble), *Conceptual tools for the bordering of the MENA region*

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- Richard Schofield (King's College, London), *Boundaries and Borderlands in the Middle East: Balancing Exceptionalism, Context and Representation*
- Charles Heller (AUC-CEDEJ, Cairo), *Shifting Borders in the Mediterranean Sea in the Wake of the Arab Uprisings*
- Leïla Vignal (Univ. of Rennes-Oxford), *Syria's transforming borders and borderlands*
- Thomas Hüsken (Univ. of Lucerne), *Political Orders in the Makings: a comparative study of emerging forms of political organisation from Libya to Northern Mali*
- Abaher El Sakka (Univ. of Birzeit, Ramallah), *La recomposition des frontières palestiniennes depuis les accords d'Oslo*

- 15:00-15:30 Coffee break

- 15:30-17:30 **Panel 2. Borders, mobilities, and State making**
Chair: Hassan Elhag Ali (Univ. of Khartoum)

- Géraldine Pinault (IFG, Univ. Paris 8) and Nathalie Coste (CERI-Sciences Po Paris), *Somaliland et Soudan du Sud: Réappropriations coloniales et création d'Etats en miroir*
- Raphaëlle Chevrillon-Guibert (IRD-PRODIG, Paris), *Construction asymétrique des territoires et contestation de l'Etat dans le Sahel central: les enjeux territoriaux du boom minier au Tchad et au Soudan*
- Bachir Shariff (Univ. of Khartoum), *Thinking Islamic Borders in the Horn of Africa*
- James Okolie-Osemene (Univ. of Ibadan), *Territorial reconfigurations in the Sahel Region: a study of cross border trafficking risks*
- Netsereab Ghebremichael Andom (Univ. of Khartoum), *Migrant Influxes and their Implications to Border and Territorial Reconfigurations in SSA: The Case of Eritrea and Sudan*
- Amani Al Taweel (CEPS Al Ahram, Cairo), *The Egyptian-Sudanese border: historical differences and cooperative opportunities*

- 17:30 Bus departure to hotel

- 18:15 Felucca from hotel to Nubian village for dinner

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Location: Sofitel Legend Old Cataract

8:30-10:30 **Panel 3. Jihad and the renegotiation of the post colonial political and territorial order**
Chair: Jean-Nicolas Bach (CEDEJ-K, Khartoum)

- Matthieu Cimino (Univ. of Oxford), *Invention, Legitimation, and Diffusion of a Spatial Ideology in Militant Islam: the Case of Dā'ish schoolbooks*
- Pauline Poupard (Sciences Po Paris), *L'Azawad comme enjeu des négociations de paix au Nord du Mali. Entre indépendance, autonomie et décentralisation, quel statut pour la région ?*
- Vincent Hiribarren (King's College London), *History of the borders in the region of Borno (Nigeria), focusing on borderlands known for harbouring Boko Haram terrorists*
- Alessio Iocchi (Univ. of Naples), *Space of refuge, space of war: reshaping territorial order in the Lake Chad area*
- Myriam Ababsa (IFPO Amman), *The claimed borders of the City of Raqqa (1919-1921, 2013, 2014-2016)*

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-13:00 **Panel 4. Border practices and community identities**
Chair: Daniel Meier (Univ. of Grenoble)

- Jose Maria Munoz (Univ. of Edinburgh-CAS), *Foreign Bodies in the Douala-Ndjamena transport corridor*
- Yves Béringue (IMAF-Univ. Paris Sorbonne), *Siradjouba, laboratoire de la gestion des frontières par le Mali*
- Michaela Göken (Univ. of Oldenburg), *Transition from Nomadism to Sedentarism: (Dis-)Advantages on the cross-border Beni Amir tribe*
- Ohoud Wafi (CEDEJ, Cairo), *Transformations urbaines à la frontière égypto-soudanaise*
- Monica Hanna (AUC, Arab Academy of Aswan), *Post-conflictual cultural desecration and community response*

13:00-14:00 Lunch Buffet

14:00-16:00 **Panel 5. Contested borders: between reconciliation and new territorial reconfiguration**
Chair: Alice Franck (PRODIG, Paris)

- Ismael Maazaz (IFRA Ibadan), *Southern connexion: Chadian politics of extraversion and the remaking of Libyan territory*
- Marius Lazar (Univ. Babeş-Bolyai de Cluj-Napoca), *Vers un Etat Baloutche ? Les mobilisations baloutches et la contestation de la frontière Iran-Pakistan*
- Jean Marcou (Sciences Po Grenoble), *Les enjeux politiques, juridiques et stratégiques de la nouvelle frontière arabo-kurde de la Turquie*
- Ugur Kaya (EHESS-IFEA Istanbul), *Frontière et territorialité dans la perception du monde selon l'État turc*
- Nadia Belalimat (EHESS-CESSP, Paris), *La reconfiguration territoriale et politique des territoires sahélo-sahariens: le cas du Fezzan, une analyse anthropo-historique*

16:00-16:20 Coffee break

16:20-17:00 **Conclusion**

- Jean-Paul Chagnollaud (IREMMO, Paris) et Pierre Blanc (LAM/ Sciences Po, Bordeaux)

19:30 Closing dinner