Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The beginning of a new academic year shall be marked by the renewal of our tripartite Agreement between the University Paris 8, the University of Khartoum, and CEDEJ Khartoum. A reception shall be organized to celebrate the event by the end of October, to which any interested person will be most welcome.

I would like to welcome a new member in our team, Vladimir Cayol, who will spend the next six months as an intern in our Institute. Vladimir has just completed a Master in social sciences from the University of Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne and will be working on migration related issues. We wish him a warm welcome (vladimir.cayol@cedejkhartoum.com).

I also have the pleasure to announce our participation to the International Panel on Exiting Violence, a beautiful project founded by the European Union and led by Michel Wieviorka, Yvon le Bot and Jean-Pierre Dozon in the Fondation Maison Sciences de l’Homme, Paris. Dr. Azza Ahmed Abdel Aziz and myself are now part of the group dedicated to “Independentism, separatism and state-building” coordinated by Dr. Adel Bakawan.

Last but not least, the latest Reports of the Observatoire de l’Afrique de l’Est (written in English or French), a programme coordinated by CEDEJ Khartoum and the Center of International Studies of Sciences Po Paris (CERI) with Roland Marchal, are now available online here.

Looking forward meeting you in Khartoum.

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Congratulations to...

... Bashir Shariff, a lecturer in the Islamic University of Omdurman, PhD student in the University of Khartoum, and associate member to CEDEJ Khartoum, for obtaining a 10 month grant from CEDEJ Khartoum, aimed at supporting his PhD research on political islam in Sudan and abroad.

... Nathalie Coste, PhD student associated to CEDEJ Khartoum, for her new position in the French Embassy of Bahreïn.

... Katarzyna Grabska, associate researcher to CEDEJ Khartoum, for her new position as assistant professor (senior lecturer) at the Institute of International Social Studies, Erasmus University, the Hague, Netherlands.

... Katarzyna Grabska, associate researcher to CEDEJ Khartoum, for the latest distinctions of her documentary film «2 Girls» in:
- June, 2017 - 7°Argentina FICiP - Festival International de Cine Politico – Special Mentioning;
- August 2017 – best movie based on a true story at the RIFFA Regina Film Festival in Italy.

Conferences


Katarzyna Grabska, VU University in Amsterdam, LOVA (Netherland’s Feminist Anthropology Conference), July 17, 2017 – keynote speaker: gender, mobility and ethnographic methods.

Katarzyna Grabska, PACSA (European Anthropology association for the study of peace and conflict) Conference, Amsterdam August 27-29 2017; panel organiser: Displaced narratives: studying war, displacement and peace through story-telling.


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Starting Projects

«Migration and displacement in and from Darfur: Conflict, Livelihoods and Food Insecurity»
Led by Susanne Jaspars (Research Associate, SOAS), and Margie Buchanan-Smith (Senior Research Associate, HPG/ODI)
Funded by SOAS University & the Dutch Embassy.
Partners: Faculty of Economic and Social Studies-University of Khartoum, Oxfam, ODI, CEDEJ Khartoum

The research aims to examine trends, processes and drivers of migration and displacement in and from Darfur, with a particular focus on migration flows during its protracted conflict. The research will provide insights into current mobility patterns, explore the reasons for migration and displacement, how it builds on past migration patterns, and the decision-making processes of actual and potential migrants and refugees. The findings will lead to better understanding of the recent changes in migration flows, in particular towards Europe, and of the effect of current interventions targeting migrants. The study also aims to identify appropriate responses to reduce levels of irregular or unsafe migration or create opportunities to stay safely at home. This proposal provides the justification for doing the research, the proposed research questions, methods, timeframe and budget. It also provides background information on the nature and types of migration in Darfur.

«Pouvoirs et altérité dans la déclaration des zones humides d’intérêt international en Afrique : construction, légitimation et confrontation des savoirs sur la nature - SavNat-Afrique»
Responsable scientifique: Luisa Arango (Maître de Conférences Université de Strasbourg), avec Guillaume Christen (Post-doctorant).
Partenaires : Laboratoire SAGE UMR 7363, Institut d’Ethnologie- Faculté de Sciences Sociales, Université de Strasbourg, ONCFS, CEDEJ Khartoum.

Dans le cadre de la déclaration d’une zone humide d’intérêt international au Soudan sous les conventions internationales RAMSAR et AEWA, ce projet s’intéresse à la production de savoirs sur les oiseaux migrateurs. À partir d’une ethnographie multi située nous nous proposons d’étudier les dispositifs pédagogiques développés dans ce contexte ; d’analyser différentes situations d’échange, voire de controverse, autour de la légitimité des savoirs sur les oiseaux et les zones humides et d’interpréter les représentations graphiques ainsi que les discours concernant les espaces protégés et les différents acteurs impliqués dans le processus de conservation.
Trois étudiants de Master 1 rejoindront également le projet: Eurydice DEVOS, Aurélien LOSER et Romain DENIMAL.
Dr. Griet Steel (Utrecht University) will be the co-PI for a DFID funded research project, leaded by Gordon Mc Granahan (IDS Sussex), entitled “The urban land nexus and inclusive urbanisation in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Khartoum.” This action-oriented project will use the urban land nexus and its politics to provide the entry point for analysing the cities of Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Khartoum as integrated city systems. The objective is to identify, research, and stimulate policy debate on changes that are politically feasible and scalable, and foster more inclusive and welfare-enhancing urban transitions. Particular attention will be paid to the gender, class and migratory dimensions, and the challenges and opportunities posed by urban informality and hybrid governance. The approach will be multi-disciplinary, with systems and political economy perspectives, along with mapping tools, providing the unifying framework.

Programme looking for a post-doc researcher in this project

Publications


In the Press


Jean-Nicolas Bach, «L’Ethiopie prend la main sur le Nil», par Jean Rombier, Magazine GEO.


Latest Publications

Observatoire Afrique de l’Est

Ethiopie: les Forces de Défense nationale à la manoeuvre, par Patrick Ferras, Note d'actualité n°1, juin 2017.


Anael Poussier, PhD student in history, Université Paris 1-Sorbonne, has joined CEDEJ-Khartoum as a new Associate. Anael arrived in Khartoum in July 2017. After having worked on the Anglo-Egyptian garrison of Sawakin between 1883 and 1891 for his Master in History, he has chosen, with the help of his supervisor, Mr. P. Vermeren (University of Paris I - Sorbonne), to focus his research on the interactions between regional actors in the Sudan and the central government during the Mahdiyya. He has been studying the different dynamics of tribal mobilization that can be witnessed in the Sudan at that time, particularly in the Eastern Sudan. The research aims at emphasizing the complex and fluctuant connections between socio-economic factors and tribal adhesion to the Mahdist movement. He is thus particularly interested in the Mahdist correspondence which should enable to define the nature of those relationships.

Matthew Benson is a PhD candidate in Durham University’s Department of History and has joined CEDEJ-Khartoum as a new Associate. His research combines descriptive statistics with an analysis of archival sources to examine how people have experienced, and shaped, public authority in South Sudan & Sudan by complying or contesting taxes in the country. This research builds on Matthew’s experience examining the links between tax and state-building in post-CPA South Sudan, and the political economy of tax reforms in post-conflict countries more broadly, with the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex. It is also informed by field postings in South Sudan with Crown Agents and Sudan with Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). Matthew has also conducted field research in Uganda and undertaken research assignments with the Overseas Development Institute, the World Bank, the UN Refugee Agency and Oxfam America. Matthew was researching relevant files in the National Records Office and will also be giving a presentation on his research at the University of Khartoum on 15 June 2017 (location TBA).

Christina Gregory is a PhD student from the University of California, Riverside, Department of Political Science. Her research looks at the Sudanese military after the first civil war. She is interested in the way southern forces were integrated into the national military and what the military was like in terms of demographics leading up to the first civil war and during the 1970s up till the second civil war starts.