

International
Conference:

Policing Empires

Social Control **Political Transition**

(Post) Colonial Legacies

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After years of academic neglect, colonial policing has recently attracted increasing attention. New historical insights on colonial security strategies and on their postcolonial vestiges (in the global South as well as in the former metropolises) testify to the dynamism of this field of research. The international conference Policing Empires: Social Control, Political Transition, (Post)Colonial Legacies is the last in a series of events convened by the GERN Working Group on (Post)Colonial Policing. Preceding workshops have focused on policing in the British, French, Belgian and Dutch, and finally Portuguese Empires and have addressed various aspects of policing, surveillance and security experiences. Building on these explorations, the aim of this final conference is to spur new reflection and discussion on connectivity, continuity and change across the (former) European Empires and to promote a multi-sited and comparative approach to colonial policing practices and their legacies in the postcolonial world. It will bring together researchers and research evidence from different areas of the world and of specialization, and will foster cross-disciplinary and cross-empire debates through innovative case-studies related to the broad themes of the conference.

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8h45 -9h15 **Welcome & registration**

9h15 -9h45 **Opening & introduction**

René Levy (*CNRS/Gern*) - Welcome speech

Margo de Koster (*VUB*) and Amandine Lauro (*ULB*)

- Opening and introduction

9h45 -10h30 **Keynote lecture**

Martin Thomas (*University of Exeter*)

- "Violence and Colonial Order:

Patterns of Policing during the Depression Years"

10h30 -10h45 **Coffee break**

10h45 -12h30 **Session 1:
Empires and Inter/transnational
Security Politics**

Chair: **Cyrille Fijnaut** (*Universiteit Tilburg*)

Jeremy Kuzmarov (*University of Tulsa*)

- "Modernizing repression: police training and nation building in the American century"

Anne-Sophie Gijs (*Université Catholique de Louvain*)

- "Anti communism and security in the Congo as challenges of a complex collaboration between Brussels and Washington (1950-1960)"

Markus-Mikael Muller & Lars Ostermeier
(*University of Leipzig & Technische Universität Berlin*)

- "Decolonizing German police building: the (post)colonial afterlife of the Afghan-German friendship"

Robert Whitaker (*University of Texas*)

- "From cooperation to neocolonialism: colonial police and international police organizations 1920-1960"

12h30 -13h30 **Lunch**

13h30 -15h00 **Session 2:
Intelligence: Security Services and
Imperial Governance**

Chair: **Miguel Bandeiro Jeronimo** (*Universidade de Lisboa*)

Sandra Arajuo (*Universidade Nova de Lisboa*)

- "An empire of predictions: intelligence assessments and islamic governance in Colonial Mozambique (1961-1974)"

Melissa Louise Anderson (*University of Wisconsin-Madison*)

- "La plus discrète vigilance". The local origins of the French colonial Sûreté in Vietnam, 1880-1917 "

Jean-Pierre Bat (*French National Archives*)

- "Any French intelligence community for the 'pré carré'?"

15h00 -15h30 **Coffee Break**

15h30 -17h15 **Session 3:
Colonial Traffic: Policing Drugs**

Chair: **Marcos L. Bretas** (*UFRJ Rio de Janeiro*)

Abdul Wahid (*Utrecht University*)

- "Policing the drug in Java: opium problems and the limits of colonial state police 1895-1940"

Ndu Life Njoku & Linda Chijioke Ihenaxho
(*Imo State University*)

- "Colonial British Policing of 'Illicit' gin production and marketing in the Niger Delta Region of Nigeria: Impact and Indigenous response"

Steffen Rimner (*Harvard University*)

- "Before the Golden Triangle: multi-colonial policing and drug trafficking in Southeast Asia, 1880- 1920"

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9h00 -10h45 **Session 4:
Violence and Discipline**

Chair: **Nathalie Tousignant** (*Université Saint-Louis*)

Mark Doyle (*Middle Tennessee State University, USA*)

- "The perils of impartiality: policing communal violence in post-mutiny India"

Soren Ivarsson (*University of Copenhagen*)

- "Policing and disciplining subjects: the provincial gendarmerie and the state-effect in Siam"

Deana Heath (*University of Alberta*)

- "Gender, Torture and the Police in Colonial India"

Benoit Henriët (*Université Saint-Louis*)

- "Force Publique and private police: the use of legitimate violence in Congolese oil palm plantations 1910-1945"

10h45 -11h00 **Coffee Break**

11h00 -12h30 **Session 5:
Institutions, Recruitment and Reform**

Chair: **Jonas Campion** (*CHDJ, Université Catholique de Louvain*)

Simona Berhe (*Università di Bergamo*)

- "The structures of violence in the colony: colonial troops and irregular bands in Western Libya 1911- 1920"

Zhu Xiaoming (*Renmin University*)

- "Social hierarchy of the policemen in the French Concession of Shanghai 1911-1937"

Omri Paz (*Ben University University*)

- "Ottoman policemen on trial"

12h30 -13h30 **Lunch Break**

13h30 - 1500h **Session 6:
Order, Social Control
and Police Territories**

Chair: **Laurent Fourchard** (*LAM, FNSP-Sciences Po Bordeaux*)

Valentin Chemery (*Université Paris I Sorbonne*)

- "Policing and crime representations in a colonial context: the action of the police through its reports on the public order in 19th century French colonial Algeria"

André Rosemberg (*Observatório de Segurança Pública/UNESP*)

- "Rural policing in Sao Paulo 1870-1930"

Caio Simoes de Araujo

(*Institute of International and Development Studies , Geneva*)

- "Integrity and danger: urban lawfare, citizenship and the integration of the musseques of Luanda 1961-1975"

15h00 -15h15 **Coffee break**

15h30 -17h00 **Session 7:
Rethinking Transition:
Policing and Colonial (Dis)continuities**

Chair: **Richard Hill** (*Victoria University of Wellington*)

Soren Rod (*University of Copenhagen*)

- "Policing and governance in Greenland during times of transition"

Ellen Klinkers (*KITLV*)

- "Decolonizing Suriname: unraveling the colonial army and police"

Sinae Hyun (*University of Wisconsin-Madison*)

- "Missionaries of Royalist Nationalism: Transformation of the Thai Border Patrol Police during the Cold War"

Roel Frakking (*European University Institute*)

- "Whose pacification is it anyway?
Colonial and anticolonial contestation of the colonial space in Indonesia and Malaysia 1945-1957"

17h15 **Closing remarks**

Emmanuel Blanchard (*CESDIP/Université Versailles-Saint-Quentin*)
& **Marieke Bloembergen** (*KITLV*)

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