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7th December: FWO, HOEK 38 (Leuvenseweg 38 1000 Brussel)

8:30-9:00	Registration		
9:00-10:30	Keynote Session: « l'État Congolais et le transport urbain » AUDITORIUM Chair: Bambi Ceuppens Sylvie Ayimpam (Institut des Mondes Africains, France) Albert Malukisa Nkuku (UCC Kinshasa, RDC)		
10:30-11:00	Coffee break in Auditorium		
11:00-13:00	Session 1: Health <i>Chair: Sarah O'Neill (AfricaMuseum/ULB)</i> Room Gogotte <i>[Tech assistance Caroline Michellier]</i>	Session 2: Mining policy <i>Chair: Nicolas Nikis (Africamuseum/ULB)</i> Room Malachiet <i>[Tech assistance Paul De Vos]</i>	Session 3: Migration <i>Chair: Rosette Sifa Vuninga (Univ. of Cape Town)</i> Auditorium <i>[Tech assistance Erin Quigley]</i>
	Bitumba, Jean (UNIKIN) - Vivre avec les nkodia (mollusques) et lutter contre la schistosomiase dans la zone de Kimpese <i>Discussants: Emiel De Meyer (University of Ghent) & Nieblas Ramirez, Laurent</i>	Arian, Hadassah (IOB, Universiteit Antwerpen) - ASM formalization as the key to responsible cobalt sourcing in the DRC: by and for whom? An analysis of the contested field of legitimacy practices in the responsible cobalt assemblage, through a case study of Entreprise General du Cobalt <i>Discussants: Jeroen Cuvelier (University of Ghent) & Samnick, Denis Augustin</i>	Derrix, Roos (IOB, University of Antwerp) - Counterbalancing asymmetric power relations in migration diplomacy? An African agency view on Uganda's refugee policies <i>Discussants: Sarah Demart (ULB) & Bahati Mastaki, Olivier</i>
	Fourchault, Léa (Universiteit Antwerpen) - Therapeutic uses and zoonotic risks of animal products in central Africa <i>Discussants: Bruno Lapika (UNIKIN) & Mbima Kutwela, Rigobert</i>	Batumike Mihigo, Ithiel (UMons, Université de Kaziba, Université catholique de Bukavu) - Contextualiser les négociations minières en RDC au-delà du formel : cas de partenariats de la Gécamines <i>Discussants: Pierre Englebert (Pomona College) & Mena Sebu, Baudouin</i>	Honorato, Felipe Antonio (KU Leuven, University of São Paulo) - Folha de São Paulo 's narrative on Congolese immigrants in the city of Rio de Janeiro: analyzing the period between 2005 and 2010 <i>Discussants: Rosa Vieira (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro et EHESS) & Hardick, Emily</i>
	MBIMA Kutwela, Rigobert (UNIKIS) - Perception et acceptabilité de la vaccination anti-COVID-19 par la population dans la ville de Kinshasa, République Démocratique du Congo. <i>Discussants: Romain Duda (Institut Pasteur) & Fourchault, Léa</i>	Mena Sebu, Baudouin (Universiteit Antwerpen) - Customary Authorities and Gold Access in Northeastern Democratic Republic of Congo: Exploring Power Dynamics and Local Disputes <i>Discussants: Scott Ross (Washington University in Saint Louis) & Batumike Mihigo, Ithiel</i>	Goergen, Kevin (University of Luxembourg) - La communauté luxembourgeoise au Congo belge : La négociation de l'européanité et de la blanchité dans le contexte colonial <i>Discussants: Idesbald Goddeeris (KU Leuven) & Célia Carlier</i>
	General Discussion	General Discussion	General Discussion
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break in Auditorium		

14:00-15:30	Session 4: Historical method and sources <i>Chair: Maarten Couttenier (AfricaMuseum)</i> <i>Room Gogotte</i> <i>[Tech assistance Paul De Vos]</i>	Session 5: (In)formal economy and inequality <i>Chair: Albert Malukisa Nkuku</i> <i>Room Malachiet</i> <i>[Tech assistance Erin Quigley]</i>
	Feyaerts, Mick (KU Leuven) - Ebola, memory, culture. A reflection on the method of oral history in Congo-research <i>Discussants: Margot Luyckfasseel (VUB/State Archives of Belgium) & de Korte, Hannah</i>	Balungwe Shamavu, Paulin (IOB, University of Antwerp) - Analysis of pay inequalities of civil servants and their perpetuation mechanisms in the DRC <i>Discussants: Benjamin Rubbers (Université de Liège) & Mukulu, Joseph Bahati</i>
	Guerreiro Bernardino, Marta (UCLouvain) - Quand les (grands)parents racontent, les (petits)enfants absorbent leurs histoires. Une étude des mémoires (post)coloniales au sein des familles Congolaises en Belgique (1950-2023). <i>Discussants: Charles Tshimanga (University of Reno) & Bloch, Igor</i>	Matungulu Tabu, Bienvenu (IOB, Universiteit Antwerpen) - Taxation, Hybridity and Inequality in DR Congo <i>Discussants: Claude Sumata (Université Nationale Pédagogique, Kinshasa) & Via Balole, Christian</i>
	Nsielanga, Simon (KU Leuven) - Rethinking the Decolonization Trope in Religion: A Study of the Jesuit Congolese Members in Congo, 1960–2000 <i>Discussants: Reuben Loffman (Queen Mary University of London) & Dainesse, Deborah</i>	Mesa, Héritier (ULB) Regulating access to the economic space: Structures and mechanisms of access to Kinshasa's central market <i>Discussants: Sylvie Ayimpam (Institut des Mondes Africains, France) & Collart, Lara</i>
15:30-16:00	Coffee break in Auditorium	
16:00-17:30	Session 4 – continued <i>Room Gogotte</i>	Session 6: Urbanism <i>Chair: Katrien Pype (KU Leuven)</i> <i>Room Malachiet</i> <i>[Tech assistance Erin Quigley]</i>
	Salakheddin, Diana (RMCA, UGent) - (Re)creating histories: retracing biographies of Congolese artists in the colonial context. Methodological inquiry <i>Discussants: Enid Guene (VUB) & Lambert, Alicia</i>	Muhoza Kanze, Benjamin (IOB, Universiteit Antwerpen) - The dynamics of state land privatization and Commodification in urban DRC: Case study of Bukavu <i>Discussants: Joël Baraka Akilimali (Université Catholique de Louvain) & Bikubanya, Divin-Luc</i>
	Lambert, Alicia (UCLouvain) - Mémoires a(nta)gonistiques : revisiter les mythes coloniaux dans la bande dessinée ultracontemporaine <i>Discussants: Pedro Monaville (McGill University) & Salakheddin, Diana</i>	Mukulu, Joseph Bahati (IOB, Universiteit Antwerpen) - Essay on economic development in construction sector: The Socioeconomic impact of handmade urbanism in Bukavu <i>Discussants: Dag Boutsen (KU Leuven) & Balungwe Shamavu, Paulin</i>
	General Discussion	Bikubanya, Divin-Luc (IOB, Universiteit Antwerpen) - Historical review of (socio-economic) construction and urbanisation patterns in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DR Congo): a case study of the city of Bukavu <i>Discussants: Johan Lagae (University of Ghent) & Muhoza Kanze, Benjamin</i> General Discussion
18:30-22:30	Dinner @ Horloge du Sud (Rue du Trône 141, 1050 Ixelles)	

8th December – AfricaMuseum, Tervuren

8:30-9:00	Registration		
9:00-10:30	Session 8: Identity and representation <i>Chair: Julie Ndaya (Université de Kinshasa)</i> Room MR1 <i>[Tech assistance Paul De Vos]</i>	Session 9: Power from below <i>Chair: Tom De Herdt (University of Antwerp)</i> Room MR2 <i>[Tech assistance Xijing Deng]</i>	Session 10: Art in (neo)colonial context <i>Chair: Adilia YIP (AfricaMuseum)</i> Room MR3 <i>[Tech assistance Erin Quigley]</i>
	Bisimwa Bulangalire, Kalambi (UCLouvain) - La fabrique du « corps féminin invincible » : une ethnographie des imaginaires et des stéréotypes de genre au sein des milices Mayi-Mayi au Sud-Kivu (RDC) <i>Discussants: Amandine Lauro (ULB) & Chen, Cai</i>	Samnick, Denis Augustin (IOB, University Antwerp) - Everynight Governance of Makala Central Prison in Kinshasa-DRC <i>Discussants: Florence Bernault (Sciences Po, Paris) & Mpongo Nziazi, Christel</i>	Dainesse, Deborah (University of East Anglia) Between Catholic Commissions and Colonial Craft Competitions: Rethinking Mashitolo Mwata Zola's Sculptural Production <i>Discussants: Sarah Van Beurden (Ohio State University) & Nsielanga, Simon</i>
	Chen, Cai (ULB) - China-Africa intimate encounters: Unpacking how Chinese-Congolese couples navigate ethnoracial boundaries in the postcolonial DR Congo <i>Discussants: Inka Stock (Bielefeld University) & Bisimwa Bulangalire, Kalambi</i>	Mpongo Nziazi, Christel (UNIKIS) - Etude de la perception de la frontière par le bas. Comprendre la barriérification à Goma <i>Discussants: Didier Gondola (Johns Hopkins University) & Arian, Hadassah</i>	Hardick, Emily (Ohio State University) Global, African, Congolese: Cultural Diplomacy and Neocolonial Collaboration in the Making of a Congolese National Ballet, 1964-1967 <i>Discussants: Dido Mbala Kanga (University of Michigan) & Honorato, Felipe Antonio Horato</i>
	General discussion	General discussion	General Discussion
10:30-11:00	Coffee break		
11:00-13:00	Museum guided tours		
13:00-14:00	Lunch break		

14:00-16:00	Session 11: Colonial (self) representation <i>Chair: Benoît Henriët (VUB)</i> <i>Room MR1</i> <i>[Tech assistance Paul De Vos]</i>	Session 12: Sustainable development <i>Chair: Birgit Ricquier (ULB)</i> <i>Room MR2</i> <i>[Tech assistance Erin Quigley]</i>	Session 13: Material Culture <i>Chair: Nicolas Nikis (AfricaMuseum/ULB)</i> <i>Room MR3</i> <i>[Tech assistance Xijing Deng]</i>
	Bloch, Igor (VUB) - A narrative on the making of a "petit bourgeois" homeowner or a self-builder? Engaging with the photographic record of Congolese house construction in 1950s Lubumbashi <i>Discussants: Phil Wilcox (Bielefeld University) & Guerreiro Bernardino, Marta</i>	Collart, Lara (IOB, Universiteit Antwerpen) - Electric cooking and sustainable development: experimental evidence from eastern D.R. Congo <i>Discussants: Sylvain Shomba (Université de Kinshasa) & Mesa, Héritier</i>	Lieber, Talia (UCLA) - A Study of Royal Treasury Objects in the Kingdom of Rwanda <i>Discussants: Zoe Strother (Columbia University) & Scheibinger, Lena</i>
	Via Balole, Christian (UCLouvain, Université Catholique de Bukavu) - Le travail forcé au Congo belge (1908-1945) : le discours de légitimation à l'épreuve du droit du travail colonial <i>Discussants: Benoît Henriët (VUB) & Matungulu Tabu, Bienvenu</i>	Bahati Mastaki, Olivier (IOB, Universiteit Antwerpen) - Understanding the carbon credit rush in the Congolese forestry sector <i>Discussants: Justin Sheria Nfundiko (Université Officielle de Bukavu) & Derrix, Roos</i>	Nieblas Ramirez, Laurent (ULB) - Archéozoologie et étude des objets et photographies historiques liés à la pêche dans le bassin du Congo <i>Discussants: Vincent Leblan (Institut Pasteur) & Ramazani, Lucien</i>
	de Korte, Hannah (KU Leuven & Maastricht University) - An Environmental History of Colonial Healthscapes: the Belgian Congo (1908-1960) <i>Discussants: Mari Webel (University of Pittsburgh) & Feyaerts, Mick</i>	Carlier, Célia (UMons) - Repenser l'anthropocène depuis les pratiques alternatives de conservation et de soin socio-écologiques dans le secteur minier en République démocratique du Congo <i>Discussants: Iva Pesa (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen) & Georgen, Kevin</i>	Scheibinger, Lena (University of Mainz) - Between University, Museum and Lifeworld. Reconnecting an Ethnographic Collection from the Congolese Rainforest <i>Discussants: Lieber, Talia & Vicky Van Bockhaven (University of Ghent)</i>
	General discussion	General discussion	General discussion
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break		
16:30-17:00	Closing session Evaluation and ideas for the future		

Conference Venues

7th of December: HOEK 38

Rue de Louvain 38, 1000 Bruxelles



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Bus: Parc/Park (line 29, 63, 65, 66) ; 1 min walk

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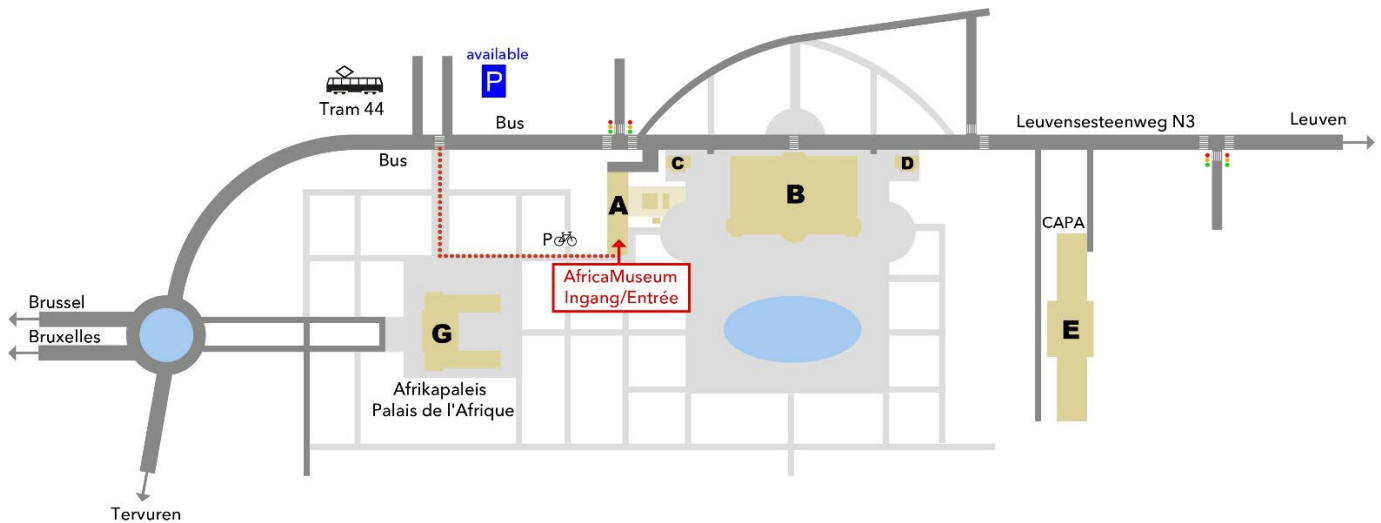
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8th of December: AfricaMuseum

Leuvensesteenweg 13

3080 Tervuren



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