

Beyond Françafrique:

France outside of its traditional sphere of African influence (19th-21st centuries)

University of Portsmouth, 22 February 2017

Park Building, Room 3.01

Convenors: Dr Anna Konieczna (University of Paris-Est Créteil), Prof. Tony Chafer (University of Portsmouth)

1.00 Welcome

Panel I. Outside of the French Empire 1.10-2.40

Discussant: Ed Naylor (University of Portsmouth)

Alexandra Reza (University of Oxford), *Présence Africaine and the struggle against colonialism in the Portuguese African colonies, 1953-1968*

Melissa K BYRNES (Associate Professor, Southwestern University)

Passing the Torch on the Civilizing Mission: French Hopes for the Portuguese Empire in the 1960s

Thomas Sharp (Oxford Brookes), *A Trans-Imperial Decolonization: France and Francophone Africans in British West Africa, 1952-1964*

TEA/COFFEE BREAK 2.40-3.00

Panel II. Levers of influence 3.00-4.15

Discussant: Dr Andrew Smith (UCL, London)

Roel VAN DER VELDE (University of Portsmouth)

Procedures and practices of French arms trade to South Africa, 1955-1965

Frank Gerits (University of Amsterdam), *French Cultural Diplomacy in the Ideological Scramble for Africa (1953-1963)*

COMFORT BREAK 4.15-4.25

Panel III. Enlarging the *pré carré* 4.25-6.00

Discussant: Prof. Tony Chafer

Anna KONIECZNA (Paris-Est Creteil), *French foreign policy in the non-French speaking Africa under Charles de Gaulle*

Gaia LOTT (Université de Florence)

La France, le Rwanda et le Burundi dans les années 1970

Nathaniel K. POWELL (Graduate Institute in Geneva)

France's Cold War in Zaire, 1974-1979