

REMEASURING SELF & SOCIETY AFTER EMPIRE

The Human Sciences in Decolonization

**International Conference /
Geneva Graduate Institute
22-24 May 2024**

**Public Keynote Lecture
by Helen Tilley (Northwestern)**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

09.15-09.30h Welcome and Introduction

PANEL I. CONJECTURING SPACES Room C1, Petal 5

09.30-11.00h Nancy Rose-Hunt (University of Florida)

Psy Talk and the Social Sciences in Two Congolese Spaces, 1940s-1970s

Carolyn Biltoft (Geneva Graduate Institute)

**Systemic Deconstructions and Reconstructions. Psychiatry,
Postmodernism, and Global Holism after Decolonization**

11.00-11.15h Coffee Break

11.15-12.45h Allison Sanders (Institut des Mondes Africains, Paris)

Grey Areas. Researchers between France and Africa at Decolonization

Nana Osei Quarshie (Yale University)

Political Lunacy and the Making of Independent Ghana

12.45-14.15h Lunch

PANEL II. REDEFINING SOCIAL CATEGORIES Room C1, Petal 5

14.15-15.45h Zine Magubane (Boston College)

**W.E.B DuBois and Pan-Africanism. The Impact of
Decolonization on His Sociological Imagination**

Erik Linstrum (University of Virginia)

**Follow the Leader, Not the Elite. Authority and the
Human Sciences in the Age of Decolonization**

15.45-16.15h Coffee Break

16.15-17.45h Ishita Pande (Queen's University, Kingston)

**De/Colonizing Sexology. Childhood, the Sciences of
Homosexuality, and the Imagination of Hindu India**

Anne Schult (Washington University in St Louis)

European Refugees at the End of Empire



KEYNOTE LECTURE Lecture Hall A2, Petal 1

18.15-19.30h Helen Tilley (Northwestern University)

**Thinking with Blind Men and Elephants.
A Dialogue on Personhood, Empires, and Unknowable Things**

THURSDAY, MAY 23

PANEL III. SCIENCES AS SHIFTING FIELDS Room C1, Petal 5	
09.30–11.00h	Damiano Matasci (Université de Genève) A Shared Knowledge? Human Sciences and Inter-imperial Cooperation in Late Colonial Africa
	Ian Merkel (University of Groningen) The Human Sciences at the Semi periphery. National Autonomy, North Atlantic Collaborations, and Budding Global South Visions in Postwar Latin America
11.00–11.15h	Coffee Break
11.15–12.45h	Joshua Klein (Geneva Graduate Institute) From the Field to the Self. French Anthropology, Social Psychiatry, and the Ambiguous Study of Acculturation in the Age of Decolonization, 1950–1980
	Sebastián Gil-Riaño (University of Pennsylvania) From “Cultural Change” to “Deculturation”. Making and Molding Cold War Violence in Paraguay during the 1970s
12.45–14.15h	Lunch
PANEL IV. REGISTERING SUBJECTIVITY Room C1, Petal 5	
14.15–15.45h	Pokuaa Oduro-Bonsrah (Geneva Graduate Institute) Peering into Intimate Spaces. Psy Scientists and their Observations of Child Rearing Practices in Uganda, 1940–1970s
	Leighan Renaud (University of Bristol) Re-Mapping Family Trees in Contemporary Caribbean Literature
15.45–16.15h	Coffee Break
16.15–17.45h	Richard Philipps (University of Sheffield) Adventure After Empire. Decolonizing Popular Geographies
	Rosa Eidelpes (Universität Wien) Ethnoboomb, the Project of an “Alternative Ethnology” and Self-Alienation, or: Decolonizing the European Subject?

FRIDAY, MAY 24

PANEL V. UNIVERSALITY, PARTICULARITY Room C1, Petal 5	
09.30–11.00h	Omnia El Shakry (Yale University) Freud in Translation. <i>Three Essays</i>, a Survey, and a Group
	Sloan Mahone (University of Oxford) From Abeokuta to the World. African Psychiatry and the Struggle for Universality in the Period of Decolonization
11.00–11.15h	Coffee Break
11.15–12.00h	Mischa Suter (Geneva Graduate Institute) The Place of Psychosis and the Effects of Racism in the Practice of Psychoanalysis (Paris, Dakar, 1960s)
12.00–12.30h	Concluding Discussion
12.30h	End of Conference (Snacks/Lunch)
Commentators/moderators:	
Rémy Amouroux (Université de Lausanne) Ana Antić (University of Copenhagen)	
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