Pierre du Bois Annual Conference 2016

Histories of the Unspoken: Truth, Silence and Violence in Emerging States

29-30 September 2016
Preliminary Program
Thursday 29 September

10:00-10:30
Welcome and Introduction

10:30-12:30
Silence and Power I: Ruling violence

David Anderson, University of Warwick
*Hidden in plain sight: state violence in Kenyatta’s Kenya*

J. Patrice McSherry, Long Island University
*Constructing silence, terror, and dread: Operation Condor and state terror in Latin America*

Joseph Sassoon, Georgetown University
*The invasion of Kuwait 1990: A case study of external violence*

Riina Turtio, IHEID
*Establishing national prestige and sovereignty: discourses on national armed forces in Guinea, Côte d’Ivoire and Upper Volta, 1958-1974*

Lunch

14:00-15:30
Silence and Power II: Publics

Katharine McGregor, University of Melbourne
*The world was silent? Global communities of resistance to the 1965 Indonesian repression in the Cold War Era*

Raul Molina, Alberto Hurtado University
*Guatemala: silence as the cornerstone for impunity*

Sebastian Carassai, University of Buenos Aires
*Homeland and dictatorship: the sesquicentennial celebration of independence in Argentina, July 9, 1966*

Coffee break

16:00-17:30
Silence and Power III:

Aidan Russell, IHEID
*Speaking truth: the edges of silence in Burundi*

Yasmeen Arif, University of Delhi
*The noise of silence, or, what makes for the hearing of silence?*

Luise White, University of Florida
*“A deafening silence” and “a piece of speech”: A regime of silence in an African counter-insurgency*

18:00-19:30
Keynote: Pierre du Bois Annual Lecture

Veena Das, Johns Hopkins University
*The fantasy of a hidden interiority: speech, sound, and silence in the making of memory*
Friday 30 September

9:00-10:30
Living with Silence I: Society

Dhana Hughes, Durham University
*Violence and sociality in a time of terror in Sri Lanka*

Alissa Walter, Georgetown University
*Private responses to state violence: letters and petitions during authoritarian rule and sanctions in Iraq*

Victor Igreja, University of Southern Queensland
*Pragmatics of silence and distance in the struggles for political control and autonomy in African war-torn regions*

**Coffee break**

11:00-13:00
Living with Silence II: Memory

Ponciano del Pino, Universidad Católica del Perú
*The forms of silence*

Barbara Martin, IHEID
*Silencing the past: Leonid Brezhnev’s compromise over the memory of Stalin’s crimes*

Heike Schmidt, University of Reading
*Memory and silence: contested truths in Zimbabwe's nation making*

Vicken Cheterian, University of Geneva
*Silence before denial: Armenians and the century of genocide*

**Lunch**

14:30-16:00
Archives and Absences: Silence in Records and Testimony

Michelle Caswell, UCLA
*Imagining records after violence: an archival studies perspective*

Kirsten Weld, Harvard University
*The possibilities and challenges of rewriting history using the files of past repressive regimes*

Pierre Hazan, Institut Henri Dunant
*Sexual violence: the price of speaking out*