

Pierre du Bois Annual Conference 2016

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

**29-30 September 2016
Preliminary Program**

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Fondation **Pierre du Bois**
pour l'histoire du temps présent

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