



Sudanese Borderlands Workshop Programme Durham University 18-20 April 2011

Monday 18th April

1 - 2: Lunch

2 – 3.30 : Introductory session

Discussion of workshop agenda by the convenors

* Wolfgang Zeller (ABORNE and Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh),
'Borderlands - Zones of Protracted Conflict or Sites of Emerging Sovereignities?'

3.30 – 4: Coffee/tea

4 – 6: State formation in borderlands

* Anne Walraet (Conflict Research Group, University of Ghent), 'Making a life and a living in the Sudanese-Kenyan border area: the rise of a thriving cross-border trade network'

* Aleksi Ylonen (Anthropology, Bayreuth University), 'Challenges to Consolidation of Centralized Authority in Borderlands: Equatorial Responses to the SPLM/A Orchestrated Statebuilding in Southern Sudan'

* Lotje de Vries (Sociology, African Studies Centre, Leiden), 'Pulling the ropes; Negotiations of power through the conduct of the state at the Southern Sudanese borders in Kaya and Bazi'

Evening meal at Oldfields restaurant in Durham

Tuesday 19th April

9 – 11: Historical perspectives on imperial frontiers and state borders

* Wendy James (Anthropology, Oxford University): 'Minority languages as a strategic resource? Rethinking the *longue durée* in the Blue Nile Borderlands'

* Chris Vaughan (History, Durham University), 'State regulation and local accommodations: Rizeigat and Malual on the Darfur/Northern Bahr el Ghazal border in the Condominium period'

* Eddie Thomas (Historian), 'Cross-border connections in Western Bahr el Ghazal'

11 – 11.30: Coffee/tea

11.30 – 1.30: North-South borderlands and border-crossings

* Guma Kunda Komey (Geography, Juba University and Halle-Wittenberg), 'The Implication of Internationalizing the North-South Boundary along the Contested Border Region of the Nuba Mountains'

* Oystein Rolandsen: 'An exploration of governance and conflict in the Sudan's north/south border'

1.30 – 2.30: Lunch

2.30 – 4.00: Pastoralists and borders: uncertain and alternative citizenships

* Dereje Feyissa (Anthropology, Max Planck Institute) 'Alternative citizenship: The Nuer between Ethiopia and the Sudan'

* Mareike Schomerus (Development Studies, LSE), 'Borderlanders and the uncertainties of citizenship: the Ambororo'

* Immo Eulenberger (Anthropology, Max Planck Institute), 'Sudan's Southeastern Frontier: The Toposa and their neighbours'

4.00-4.45 – Tea/coffee, informal talk by Dr Matt Greenhall on local history: the Anglo-Scottish borderlands

5 – depending on individual preferences either a) visit to Durham cathedral or b) free time.

6.00 – drinks reception and tour of Durham Castle

Evening meal in Senate Suite, Castle

Wednesday 20th April

9-10.30: Policy participants responses to the workshop

* Brian Jones (FCO), Chris Milner (Concordis International), Wafula Okuma (AUBP)

10.30 – 10.45: tea/coffee

10.45-1.15 Panel remarks and plenary discussion: conclusions and directions

Douglas Johnson, John Ryle

Including discussion of publication plans led by Wolfgang Zeller (ABORNE)

1.15 Lunch and close

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