UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

# Postcolonial Birmingham: The Way Forward

## An internal workshop on Colonial and Postcolonial Studies at the University of Birmingham

## 10 May 2010

– Programme –

**Ashley Building, room 322 (third floor)**

12.45 pm Buffet lunch

**Ashley Building, room 422 (fourth floor)**

1.30 pm **The *'Sustainable Excellence'* of Colonial and Postcolonial research at Birmingham**
Berny Sèbe and Steffen Prauser

1.45 pm **(Post)colonial Histories**

Ursula Haskins-Gonthier
*'Is there such a thing as 'premodern postcoloniality'?*

Margaret Small
*Early colonial experiences and the postcolonial*

Berny Sèbe
*Between the colonial and the postcolonial: Decolonisation Studies*

Craig Blunt
*Winning and Losing Hearts and Minds*

**The postcolonial dimension in literature**

Danielle Fuller
*Book Cultures and Reading Studies through "postcolonial eyes"*

Dave Gunning
*The Literary Articulation of Contemporary Antiracist Identity in Britain*

Clare Barker
*Disabling Postcolonialism:*
*Disability in Postcolonial Literature, Culture and Theory*

Nicholas Dunlop
*Postcolonialism and Pedagogy in Science Fiction*

Samuel Llano
*Violence and Orientalism in the* Troisième Republique
*The Spanish as savage in Raoul Laparra's opera* La Jota *(1911)*

3.15 pm Coffee break

3.30 pm **Postcolonialism and Glocalization**

Jose Lingna Nafafe
*African migrants; past and integration in Northern Europe*

Anna Hartnell
*Black America and the Postcolonial*

Malcolm Dick
*Locality and diversity: minority ethic communities in the writing of local history*

**Multilingual postcolonialities and diasporas in the Caribbean**

Stewart Brown
*Poetry, cricket and Caribbean Voices*

Louise Hardwick
*The Francophone Caribbean: Martinique, Guadeloupe, Haiti and the Haitian Diaspora in Canada*

Conrad James
*Afro-Hispanism in National and Diasporic Contexts*

**Postcolonialism: the African experience**

Kate Skinner
*Who Knew The Minds of the People? Specialist knowledge, developmentalist authoritarianism and a Pan-African advisor in post-colonial Ghana*

Karin Barber
*The press, the public, and popular genres in colonial Lagos, Nigeria*

Katrien Pype
*Kabila and Lumumba: Heroes for the Present*
*Memory, Visual Media and Politics in Kinshasa (2010)*

Reginald Cline-Cole
*Title tbc*

5.00 pm **Colonial and Postcolonial Studies in Birmingham: The Way Forward**
**Round table discussion**
Chairs: Vince Gaffney and Lynne Brydon

*Workshop organised in partnership with the Conflict & Security Studies Network.*

To register your attendance, please contact Berny Sèbe: b.c.sebe@bham.ac.uk

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**"Postcolonial Birmingham: The Way Forward"**

An internal workshop on Colonial and Postcolonial Studies at the University of Birmingham took place on 10 May, bringing together twenty-five specialists in this growing field from a variety of disciplines: Languages (French and Hispanic Studies), English literature, History, West African Studies, Archaeology, American and Canadian Studies and Sociology. The event allowed members of different Schools to become more aware of each other's research interests, and to explore potential synergies in their research projects. On the occasion of the final round-table, chaired by Prof. Vince Gaffney and Lynne Brydon, it was agreed to pursue further coordination in this area, in order to foster the development of collaborative initiatives, including funding bids and postgraduate recruitment, to explore new cross-disciplinary avenues, and to achieve greater impact for our work.

The event showed that there is at Birmingham a critical mass of expertise in the developing field of Colonial and Postcolonial Studies, which could productively be publicised to the outside world. The network will remain informal at this stage, and linked to the Conflict and Security Studies Hub, but it may eventually evolve towards a more structured initiative.

Within LCAHM, at departmental level, a page on Francophone colonial and postcolonial studies was recently launched to increase the visibility of the research undertaken in this field by members of the French Studies department (french.bham.ac.uk/research/francopoco/, contact: Louise Hardwick, l.a.hardwick@bham.ac.uk).

For more information on the initiative on Colonial and Postcolonial Studies at UoB, or to be included in the mailing list on "Colonial and Postcolonial Studies at Birmingham", please contact Berny Sèbe (b.c.sebe@bham.ac.uk).