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 République*  
*The Spanish as savage in Raoul Laparra’s opera La Jota (1911)*

3.15 pm  
Coffee break

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**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 ethnic 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
“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).