  

**BEYOND THE PERIPHERY:**

**UNPACKING AFRICAN AGENCY IN GLOBAL POLITICS**

***Au-delà de la Périphérie – l’Afrique dans les Relations Globales : actions, influence(s) et défis***

10 October 2016,

Salle des Conférences, 9h-17h00

CERI-Sciences Po

**PROGRAMME**

**9h-10h**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: *African “Agency” in Global Politics: What Does It Entail?*

Prof. Funmi Olonisakin**, Founding Director of the African Leadership Centre (King's College London/University of Nairobi)**

Discussant: Dr. Karen Smith, **University of Cape Town (South Africa)**

**10h – 11h30**

PANEL 1: THE ROLE OF IDENTITY AND IDEOLOGY IN SHAPING AFRICA’S POSITION ON THE GLOBAL STAGE

Chair : Prof. Frédéric Ramel (**CERI/Sciences Po**)

*The Role of Berlin and Bandung in the Making of Global Africa*

Prof. Oka Obono, **University of Ibadan** (**Nigeria**)

*Pan-Africanism and the African Union as a collective international actor*

Prof. Tim Murithi, **University of Free State (South Africa)**

**11h30 – 13h**

PANEL 2: BEYOND THE STATE: AFRICAN SUBSTATE ACTORS AS AGENTS OF CHANGE

Chair: Dr. Folashade Soule-Kohndou, **(CERI-Sciences Po)**

*Translating Global Norms into Local Action: The Campaign against Gender-Based Violence in Africa*

Dr. Peace Medie, Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy, **University of Ghana, (Ghana)/** Global Leaders Fellow **(Oxford-Princeton University)**

*Local resilience in the fight against Boko Haram in Sokoto State, and Borno State in Nigeria*

Akinola Olojo, **Université Paris Descartes/African Leadership Centre (King's College London/University of Nairobi).**

**14h30-16h**

PANEL 3: WHO DEFINES THE RULES? UNCOVERING AFRICAN AGENCY IN INTERNATIONAL RULES-SETTING

Chair: Prof. Chris Alden, **London School of Economics and Political Science (United Kingdom)**

*Africa's New Authoritarians: International Assistance and Authoritarian Statebuilding in Contemporary Africa*

Dr. Jonathan Fisher, **University of Birmingham (United Kingdom)**

*A Protracted Quandary of Liberal Peace and Political Islam in Sub-Saharan Africa: Recycling Failures in ‘Greater’ Sudan*

Prof. Atta El-Battahani, **University of Khartoum (Sudan)**

**16h-17h00**

**Concluding remarks:** *Studying Africa and IR: the Potential of Agency*

Prof. William Brown, Politics and International Studies department, **The Open University (United Kingdom)**

**Coordinators:**

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