Africa Week 2026
Semaine de l'Afrique

Reworlding from Africa

Full programme | 24–27 November 2026, Paris and Saint-Denis

Tuesday, 24 November

Sciences Po (28 rue des Saints-Pères), then Institut Catholique de Paris

8:00 – 9:30 am **Coffee & welcome**

9:30 – 11:45 am **Welcome addresses by partner institutions**
Pascale Barthélémy (Vice-President of EHESS for International Relations); Laurent Fourchard and Alice Judell (Directors of the Sciences Po Africa Programme); Nasrin Qader (Associate Professor of French and Comparative Literary Studies at Northwestern University); Annabel Desgrées du Loû (Director of CEPED-IRD); Claude Abé (UCAC). Amphithéâtre Simone Veil.

Plenary 1: Doing Social Science in Africa. Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow
Jean-Bernard Ouedraogo (EHESS), Mina Kleiche-Dray (IRD), Claude Abé (UCAC), Clémence Delbart-Seye (Cheikh Anta Diop University). Moderator: Fred Eboko (IRD). Amphithéâtre Simone Veil.

12:00 – 1:00 pm **Lunch and journals fair**

1:00 – 2:30 pm **Panel 1: Global Health and New Health Challenges**
Panel discussion: Oumy Thiongane (Assane Seck University), Emmanuel Sambieni (Lasdel Parakou), Dominique Somda (Kalamazoo College), Chisomo Kalinga (University of Edinburgh), Gaetan Thomas (University of Michigan). Moderator: Fanny Chabrol (IRD). Salle H202A.

Panel 2: Gender and Inequality (1). Inequality and Invisibility
Panel discussion: Marielle Debos (University of Paris 10), Prisca Assiéne (University of Yaoundé 2), Lynn Kouadio (University of Oxford). Moderator: Mina Kleiche-Dray (IRD). Salle H202B.

2:30 – 2:40 pm **Coffee break**

2:40 – 4:15 pm **Plenary 2: Publishing and Producing Africa for the World**
David Mills (University of Oxford), Stephanie Kitchen (IAI-SOAS, London), Elara Bertho (CNRS), Xavier Audrain (Karthala), Jean-Baptiste Naudy (Rot bo Krik). Moderator: Divine Fuh (HUMA Cape Town). Amphithéâtre Simone Veil.

4:20 – 5:40 pm **Art workshop: Rethinking an Object Through Photography**
Andrew Esiebo (independent photographer) and Laurent Fourchard (Sciences Po); Emilie Guitard (CNRS), Ọbáyọ́mí Anthony Ayòdélé (independent photographer) and Marian Nur Goni (Paris 8). Amphithéâtre Simone Veil.

5:40 pm **Move to Institut Catholique de Paris**

6:00 – 8:00 pm **Opening lecture, followed by a reception**
Achille Mbembe (University of the Witwatersrand). Institut Catholique de Paris, Amphithéâtre W22 René Rémond.

Wednesday, 25 November

MSH Paris Nord (20 avenue George Sand, Saint-Denis)

9:00 – 10:30 am **Keynote: Rachel Jean-Baptiste**
Stanford University. Introduced by Pascale Barthélémy (EHESS).

10:30 – 10:45 am **Coffee break**

10:45 am – 12:15 pm **Plenary 3: Situations of Democracy in Africa: New Issues**
With the Foundation for Democracy Innovation (FIDEMO): Achille Mbembe (University of the Witwatersrand), Fred Eboko (IRD) and Nadine Machikou (University of Dschang). Moderator: Richard Banégas (Sciences Po).

12:15 – 1:30 pm **Lunch, journals and publishers fair**

1:30 – 3:00 pm **Panel 3: Environment and Ecological Futures**
Panel discussion: Rozenn Nakanabo Diallo (Sciences Po Bordeaux), Mody Diaw (Inrae), Silvère Okala (University of Paris 8), Juliette Réflé (Sciences Po), Anouk Bontoux (University of Liège and University of Paris 1). Moderator: Emilie Guitard (CNRS).

Panel 4: Conflict (1). Violence and Power
Panel discussion: Florence Bernault (Sciences Po), Marie-Emmanuelle Pommerolle (University of Paris 1), Sten Hagberg (University of Uppsala), Mathilde Tarif (CNRS-CERI). Moderator: Florence Brisset-Foucault (University of Paris 1).

3:00 – 3:15 pm **Coffee break**

3:15 – 4:45 pm **Panel 5: Governance (1). African Cities**
Panel discussion: Jennifer Robinson (UCL), Laurent Fourchard (Sciences Po), Yvan Issekin (UCAC), Fanny Arnaud (ICP), Melissa Kerim Dikeni (independent researcher). Moderator: Patrick Belinga (Sciences Po).

Panel 5: Governance (2). Pathways of Technicization
Panel discussion: Katrien Pype (Leuven University), James Smith (UC Davis), Georges Eyenga (EHESS & University of Dschang). Moderator: Eric Essono Tsimi (Northwestern University).

5:00 – 6:25 pm **Panel 6: Borders, Circulations and Diasporas**
Panel discussion: Calvin Minfegue (UCAC), Mehdi Alioua (International University of Rabat), Camille Schmoll (EHESS), Peer Schouten (DIIS and IPIS). Moderator: Claire Lefort-Rieu (University of Liège).

Thursday, 26 November

MSH Paris Nord (20 avenue George Sand, Saint-Denis)

9:00 – 10:30 am **Keynote: Divine Fuh**
HUMA Cape Town. Introduction: Fanny Chabrol (IRD).

10:45 am – 12:15 pm **Panel 4: Conflict (2). Social Movements**
Panel discussion: Alice Franck (University of Paris 1), Marie Deridder (Catholic University of Louvain), Lucy Kathuri-Ogola (Kenyatta University), Sokhna Rosalie Ndiaye (Rose Dieng University). Moderator: Didier Péclard (University of Geneva).

Panel 2: Gender and Inequality (2). Renewing Historiography: The Gender of History
Conversation with Rachel Jean-Baptiste (Stanford University) and Anna Adima (Durham University), Ophélie Rillon (IMAF), Elena Vezzadini (EHESS).

12:15 – 1:45 pm **Lunch, journals and publishers fair**

1:45 – 3:15 pm **Panel 2: Gender and Inequality (3). Gender Politics**
Panel discussion: Kamina Diallo (Sciences Po Dakar), Hamza Bensouda (Sciences Po), Aline Samaké (University of Geneva). Moderator: Lynn Kouadio (University of Oxford).

Debate: What Is a Classic in Africa?
With Nasrin Qader (Northwestern University), Sébastien Lagrave (Africolor), Jeanne-Rosine Abomo (Washington University in St Louis). Moderator: Patrice Yengo (IMAF).

3:15 – 3:30 pm **Break**

3:30 – 4:30 pm **CEAM Founding General Assembly**

4:30 – 5:15 pm **Film screening: two films by Deicy Sanches**
"O pico d'Antonio nos livrou do diablo branco" and "In Between", followed by a conversation with Diana Alima Cissé.

5:15 – 6:40 pm **Panel 7: Imaginaries, Beliefs and Circulations. Conspiracy Theories and Fake News**
Panel discussion: Julien Bonhomme (EHESS), Anne Bationo Tillon (University of Lausanne), Corinne Valasik (ICP), Basile Ndjio (University of Douala), Jennifer Lorin (Uppsala University). Moderator: Alexie Tcheuyap (University of Waterloo).

Friday, 27 November

EHESS (54 boulevard Raspail), then Sciences Po (13 rue de l'Université)

10:15 am – 12:15 pm **Book talk: Michel Naepels, Nancy Rose Hunt and Laurent Fourchard**
Chroniques de l'intranquillité. Violence, prédation et protection en situation postcoloniale (Gallimard, 2026), by Michel Naepels (EHESS), in conversation with Nancy Rose Hunt (University of Florida) and Laurent Fourchard (Sciences Po). Moderator: Pascale Barthélémy (EHESS). EHESS.

Global Initiatives in African Studies
EHESS (Pascale Barthélémy), AFD (Elodie Riche or Sabrina Guerard), UNESCO Chair for Gender Equality in Science and Technology Education and Employment (Fatima Ouahmi), Afriques – NORIA Research (Claire Lefort-Rieu), GIS French African Studies Network (Kadiatou Barry), University of Waterloo (Alexie Tcheuyap).

12:15 – 1:15 pm **Lunch and journals fair**

1:15 – 2:15 pm **Conversation: Ways of Making the State, Forms of Government**
With Jean-François Bayart (IHEID) and Nadine Machikou (University of Dschang). EHESS.

2:15 – 2:45 pm **Move to Sciences Po, Amphithéâtre Jean Moulin**

3:00 – 5:00 pm **Film screening: "Overburden"**
Directed by Sarita West, with Gregg Mitman as creative producer. Discussion with Emmanuelle Roth (Rachel Carson Center), Gustav Kalm (Sciences Po) and James Fairhead (University of Sussex). Moderator: Lynnette Widder (Columbia University). Sciences Po, Amphithéâtre Jean Moulin.

5:15 – 6:30 pm **Closing lecture**
Peter Geschiere (University of Amsterdam) and Brice Molo (ICP). Sciences Po, Amphithéâtre Jean Moulin.

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