

Africa Week 2026

Reworlding from Africa

Full programme | 24–27 November 2026, Paris and Aubervilliers

Tuesday, 24 November **Sciences Po, then Institut Catholique de Paris**

- 8:00 – 9:30 am** Coffee & welcome
- 9:30 – 11:45 am** **Opening remarks by partner institutions**
Afrique-Sciences Po, EHESS, Northwestern, IRD, AFD, UCAC. Sciences Po.
- 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).
- 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).
- Panel 2: Gender and Inequality (1). Inequality and Invisibility**
Panel discussion: Mina Kleiche-Dray (IRD), Marielle Debos (University of Paris 10), Prisca Assiéne (University of Yaoundé 2), Lynn Kouadio (University of Oxford). Moderator: Nadine Machikou (University of Yaoundé 2).
- 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), Présence Africaine. Moderator: Divine Fuh (HUMA Cape Town).
- 4:20 – 5:40 pm** **Art workshop: Rethinking an Object Through Photography**
Andrew Esiebo (independent photographer) and Laurent Fourchard (Sciences Po); Emilie Guitard (CNRS), Q̣báyomí Anthony Ayòdélé (independent photographer) and Marian Nur Goni (Paris 8).
- 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.

Wednesday, 25 November **EHESS, Campus Condorcet, and MSH Paris Nord**

- 9:00 – 10:30 am** **Keynote: Rachel Jean-Baptiste**
Stanford University.
- 10:30 – 10:45 am** Coffee break
- 10:45 am – 12:15 pm** **Plenary 3: Africa's Great Transformation: Bringing Society Back In**
Foundation for Democracy Innovation (FIDEMO), Fred Eboko (IRD). 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: Gérard Amougou (University of Yaoundé 2), Margot Luyckfaessel (University of Antwerp), Mody Diaw (Inrae), Silvère Okala (UVSQ), Juliette Réflé (Sciences Po). Moderator: Emilie Guitard (CNRS).
- Panel 4: Conflict (1). Violence and Power**
Panel discussion: Florence Bernault (Sciences Po), Marie-Emmanuelle Pommerolle (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), Sten Hagberg (University of Uppsala), Marie Boka (Houphouët-Boigny University). Moderator: Florence Brisset-Foucault (Paris 1).
- 3:00 – 3:15 pm** Coffee break
- 3:15 – 4:45 pm** **Panel 5: Governance (1). Urban Governance**
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 (University of Dschang), Amélie Ebongue (author). Moderator: Eric Essono Tsimi (Northwestern University).
- 5:00 – 6:25 pm** **Panel 6: Borders, Migration and Diasporas**
Panel discussion: Calvin Minfegue (UCAC), Mehdi Aliouia (International University of Rabat), Camille Schmoll (EHESS), Peer Schouten (International Peace Information Service, Antwerp). Moderator: Claire Lefort-Rieu (University of Liège).

Thursday, 26 November MSH Paris Nord, Aubervilliers

- 9:00 – 10:30 am** **Keynote: Divine Fuh**
HUMA Cape Town.
- 10:45 am – 12:15 pm** **Panel 4: Conflict (2). Social Movements**
Panel discussion: Alice Franck (Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne), 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: Christophe Broqua (IMAF), Kamina Diallo (Sciences Po Dakar), Hamza Bensouda (Sciences Po), Aline Samaké (University of Geneva). Moderator: Marie Boka (Houphouët-Boigny University).
- Debate: What Is a Classic in Africa?**
With Nasrin Qader (Northwestern University), Sébastien Lagrave (Africolor), Jeanne-Rosine Abomo (Washington University in St Louis), Alexandre Bouyer (plays Frantz Fanon in the film "Fanon"). 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 (Collège de France), 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, then Sciences Po

- 9:00 – 10:00 am** **Keynote: Marie Boka**
Houphouët-Boigny University. EHESS.
- 10:15 am – 12:15 pm** **Book talk: Michel Naepels (EHESS)**
Chroniques de l'intranquillité. Violence, prédation et protection en situation postcoloniale (Gallimard, 2026). In conversation with Nancy Rose Hunt (University of Florida) and Guillaume Lachenal (Sciences Po). EHESS.
- Global Initiatives in African Studies**
EHESS (Pascale Barthélemy), 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 – Africa (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 Yaoundé 2). EHESS.
- 2:15 – 2:45 pm** Move to Sciences Po
- 3:00 – 5:00 pm** **Film screening: "Overburden" by Gregg Mitman**
Discussion with Gustav Kalm (Sciences Po). Sciences Po.
- 5:15 – 6:30 pm** **Closing lecture**
Peter Geschiere (University of Amsterdam) and Brice Molo (ICP). Sciences Po.
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