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## HISTORIES OF THE UNSPOKEN: TRUTH, SILENCE AND VIOLENCE IN EMERGING STATES

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**THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2016**

10:00 – 10:30 **Welcome and Introduction**

10:30 – 12:30 **Silence and Power I: Rule**

Chair: **DAVIDE RODOGNO**, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

**DAVID ANDERSON**, University of Warwick

→ Hidden in plain sight: State violence in Kenyatta's Kenya

**J. PATRICE McSHERRY**, Long Island University

→ Constructing silence, terror, and dread: Operation Condor and state terror in Latin America

**JOSEPH SASSOON**, Georgetown University

→ The invasion of Kuwait 1990: A case study of external violence

**RIINA TURTIQ**, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

→ Establishing national prestige and sovereignty: Discourses on national armed forces in Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire and Upper Volta, 1958–1974

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 **Silence and Power II: Publics**

Chair: **YVAN DROZ**, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

**KATHARINE MCGREGOR**, University of Melbourne

→ The world was silent? Global communities of resistance to the 1965 Indonesian repression in the Cold War Era

**RAUL MOLINA**, Alberto Hurtado University

→ Guatemala: Silence as the cornerstone for impunity

**SEBASTIAN CARASSAI**, University of Buenos Aires

→ Homeland and dictatorship: The sesquicentennial celebration of independence in Argentina, July 9, 1966

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30 **Silence and Power III: Speech**

Chair: **PATRICIA SPYER**, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

**AIDAN RUSSELL**, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

→ Speaking truth: The edges of silence in Burundi

**PONCIANO DEL PINO**, Universidad Católica del Perú

→ The forms of silence

**LUISE WHITE**, University of Florida

→ "A deafening silence" and "a piece of speech": A regime of silence in an African counter-insurgency

**FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2016**

9:00 – 10:30 **Living with Silence I: Society**

Chair: **AIDAN RUSSELL**, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

**DHANA HUGHES**, Durham University

→ Violence and sociality in a time of terror in Sri Lanka

**ALISSA WALTER**, Georgetown University

→ Private responses to state violence: Letters and petitions during authoritarian rule and sanctions in Iraq

**VICTOR IGREJA**, University of Southern Queensland

→ Pragmatics of silence and distance in the struggles for political control and autonomy in African war-torn regions

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 13:00 **Living with Silence II: Memory**

Chair: **CAROLYN BILTOFT**, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

**BARBARA MARTIN**, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

→ Silencing the past: Leonid Brezhnev's compromise over the memory of Stalin's crimes

**HEIKE SCHMIDT**, University of Reading

→ Memory and silence: Contested truths in Zimbabwe's nation making

**VICKEN CHETERIAN**, University of Geneva

→ Silence before denial: Armenians and the century of genocide

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 **Archives and Absences: Silence in Records and Testimony**

Chair: **NICOLE BOURBONNAIS**, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

**MICHELLE CASWELL**, UCLA

→ Imagining records after violence: An archival studies perspective

**KIRSTEN WELD**, Harvard University

→ The possibilities and challenges of rewriting history using the files of past repressive regimes

**PIERRE HAZAN**, The Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

→ Sexual violence: the price of speaking out