

# Benedetta Rossi

## Professional History

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- 09/2020- to date, University College London (UCL), Department of History, Associate Professor in the History and Anthropology of Africa
- 1/2012-09/2020 University of Birmingham, School of History and Cultures, Reader in the History and Anthropology of Africa
- 1/2008-12/2011 University of Liverpool, Department of History, Lecturer in African History and RCUK Fellow in International Slavery
- 1/2005-12/2007 School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), Department of Sociology and Anthropology, ESRC Research Fellow (Conducted one-year (Jan.-Dec. 2005) field research in Niger)
- 9/2004-1/2005 University of Sussex at Brighton, School of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies, Temporary Lecturer
- 2002-2004 London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), Department of Anthropology, LSE Teaching Fellow
- 2002-2003 University of Sussex at Brighton, School of African and Asian Studies, Temporary Lecturer
- 2001-2002 University of California at Santa Barbara, Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, Teaching Assistant
- 2000-2001 University of Sussex at Brighton, School of African and Asian Studies, Temporary Lecturer

## Education / Qualifications

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- 1998-2002 London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), Ph.D. Social Anthropology (Conducted 20 months of fieldwork in Niger, Department of Tahoua)
- 1997-1998 London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), M.Phil. Social Anthropology
- 1994-1997 London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), B.A. Social Anthropology. First Class Honours
- 1993 High-school 'E.Q. Visconti' (Rome, Italy), Classical Studies focus. Final mark: 60/60

## Publications

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### Books

- Rossi, B., Ismard, P., Vidal, C. (Eds.), (2021). *Les Mondes de l'Esclavage: Une Histoire Comparée*. Paris: Le Seuil.
- Green, T., Rossi, B. (Eds.) (2018). *Landscapes, Sources and Intellectual Projects of the West African Past*. Leiden: Brill.
- Rossi, B. (2015). *From Slavery to Aid: Politics, Labour, and Ecology in the Nigerien Sahel, 1800-2000*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Haour, A., Rossi, B. (Eds.) (2010). *Being and Becoming Hausa: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. Leiden: Brill.

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### Journal (Full / Special issue)

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### Journal articles

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Rossi, B. (2019). Hausa. *Oxford Bibliographies Online*.

Rossi, B. (2018). Migration History and Historiography. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History*.

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doi:10.1163/2405836X-00201014

Rossi, B. (2017). From Unfree Work to Working for Free: Labor, Aid, and Gender in the Nigerien Sahel, 1930-2000. *International Labor and Working-Class History*, 92 155-182. doi:10.1017/S0147547917000072

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doi:10.1017/S0147547917000199

Rossi, B. (2016). Dependence, Unfreedom, and Slavery in Africa: Toward an Integrated Analysis. *Africa*, 86 (3), 571-590.

Rossi, B. (2016). The Agadez Chronicles and Y Tarichi: A Reinterpretation. *History in Africa: an Annual Journal of Method*, 43 95-140.

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Rossi, B. (2014). Migration and Emancipation in West Africa's Labour History: The Missing Links. *Slavery and Abolition*, 35 (1), 23-46. doi:10.1080/0144039X.2013.796108

Rossi, B. (2014). Tubali's trip: Rethinking informality in the study of West African labour migrations. *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, 48 (1), 77-100. doi:10.1080/00083968.2014.918323

Rossi, B. (2004). Order and disjuncture: Theoretical shifts in the anthropology of aid and development. *Current Anthropology*, 45 (4), 556-560. doi:10.1086/423501

Rossi, B. (2004). Revisiting Foucauldian approaches: Power dynamics in development projects. *Journal of Development Studies*, 40 (6), 1-29. doi:10.1080/0022038042000233786

### Book Chapters

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Rossi, B. (2021). Abolitionnismes et abolitions. In Ismard, P., Rossi, B., Vidal, C. (Eds.), *Les Mondes de l'Esclavage*. (pp. 967-986). Paris: Le Seuil.

Rossi, B. (2021). Genre. In Ismard, P., Rossi, B., Vidal, C. (Eds.), *Les Mondes de l'Esclavage*. (pp. 525-536). Paris: Le Seuil.

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Rossi, B. (2021). Travail. In Ismard, P., Rossi, B., Vidal, C. (Eds.), *Les Mondes de l'Esclavage*. (pp. 731-750). Paris: Le Seuil.

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- Rossi, B., Haour, A. (2010). *The Emergence of Hausa Identity: History and Religion*. In Rossi, B., Haour, A. (Eds.), *Being and Becoming Hausa: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. (pp. 1-34). Leiden: Brill.
- Rossi, B. (2010). *Tuareg Trajectories of Slavery: Preliminary Reflections on a Changing Field*. In Fisher, A., Kohl, I. (Eds.), *Tuareg Society within a Globalized World: Saharan Life in Transition*. (pp. 89-108). New York: I.B. Tauris.
- Rossi, B. (2009). *Introduction: Rethinking Slavery in West Africa*. In Rossi, B. (Ed.), *Reconfiguring Slavery: West African Trajectories*. (pp. 1-25). Liverpool: Liverpool University Press.
- Rossi, B. (2009). *Slavery and Migration: Physical and Social mobility in Ader (Tahoua)*. In Rossi, B. (Ed.), *Reconfiguring Slavery: West African Trajectories*. (pp. 182-206). Liverpool: Liverpool University Press.
- Rossi, B. (2009). *The Paradox of Chronic Aid*. In Crombé, X., Jézéquel, J.-H. (Eds.), *A Not-so-natural Disaster: Niger 2005*. (pp. 105-124). London: Hurst.
- Rossi, B. (2007). *Les Paradoxes des Aides Chroniques*. In Crombé, X., Jézéquel, J.-H. (Eds.), *Niger 2005: Une Catastrophe Si Naturelle*. (pp. 145-172). Paris: Karthala.
- Rossi, B. (2006). *Aid Policies and Recipient Strategies in Niger*. In Mosse, D., Lewis, D. (Eds.), *Development Brokers and Translators: The Ethnography of Aid and Development*. (pp. 27-49). Bloomfield: Kumarian.
- Rossi, B. (2005). *Actor Oriented Approaches*. In Forsyth, T. (Ed.), *Routledge Encyclopedia of International Development*. Routledge.
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### **Internet publication**

- Rossi, B. (2017). *Modern Slavery, Brexit, Migration, and Development: Connecting the Dots*. [Digital scholarly resource]. Retrieved from: <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/beyond-trafficking-and-slavery/modern-slavery-brexit-migration-and-development-connecting-dots/>
- Rossi, B. (2015). *The Everyday Gender Inequalities that Underpin Wartime Atrocities*. [Digital scholarly resource]. Retrieved from: <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/beyond-trafficking-and-slavery/everyday-gender-inequalities-that-underpin-wartime-atrocities/>

### **Other (Interviews with Benedetta Rossi)**

- Rossi, B. (2020). *UCL welcomes Dr Benedetta Rossi*.
- Rossi, B. (2019). *Benedetta Rossi: «Au Sahel, l'idéologie qui justifie l'esclavage n'est pas complètement morte»*. *Le Monde Afrique*.
- Rossi, B. (2017). *The Power of Saviours*. Humboldt University.
- Rossi, B. (2008). *Lingering Impact of Slavery*. *Research Intelligence* (University of Liverpool Research magazine).

### **Other (published media, press)**

- Rossi, B. (2021). *What if? Les Femmes ou la Double Domination*. *Histoire*, 93.
- Rossi, B. (2010). *Il faut penser une forme d'aide qui va aider le Niger à se passer de l'aide*. *Le Républicain*, 932, 10 juin 2010, Niamey, Niger.

### **Un-published reports**

- Rossi, B. (2019). *Legs de l'esclavage au Niger: mobiliser la mémoire, le patrimoine et la politique pour mettre fin aux abus*. Final Report of the LESLAN Project.

Rossi, B. (1900). Physical and Social Mobility in Ader (Tahoua, Niger). Final Report of the Research Project Mobilités Ouest-Africaines (MOBOUA) for the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD).

### Book reviews

- Rossi, B. (2018). Review of Lefebvre, C. 'Frontières de sable, frontières de papier. Histoire de territoires et de frontières, du Jihad de Sokoto à la colonisation française du Niger, XIXe – XXe siècles'. Paris, Publication de la Sorbonne, 2015.. Critique Internationale, 78 (1),
- Rossi, B. (2014). Review of Lawrance, B. and Roberts, R. (eds.) 'Trafficking in Slavery's Wake: Law and the Experience of Women and Children in Africa'. Ohio University Press.. Slavery and Abolition: a journal of slave and post-slave studies, 35 (4), 677-679.
- Rossi, B. (2011). Review of Spaulding, J. and Beswick, S. (eds.) 'African Systems of Slavery'.. Africa, 81 (1), 265-266.
- Rossi, B. (2010). Review of Campbell, G., Miers, S., and Miller, J. (eds.) 'Children in Slavery Through the Ages'. Ohio University Press.. Africa, 80 (3), 516-518.
- Rossi, B., Van Der Bersselaar, D. (2009). Review of Parker, J. and Rathbone, R. 'African History: A Very Short Introduction'. Africa, vol. 79, no. 1, pp. 317-318.. Africa, 79 (1), 317-318.
- Rossi, B. (2005). Review of Diouf, S. (ed.) 'Fighting the Slave Trade: West African Strategies'.. Progress in Development Studies, 7 (5), 249-250.
- Rossi, B. (2004). Review of Liberski-Bagnoud, D. 'Les Dieux du Territoire: Penser Autrement la Généalogie'. Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute, 10 (4), 967.
- Rossi, B. (2004). Review of Pottier, J., Bicker, A., and Sillitoe, P. (eds.) 'Negotiating Local Knowledge: Power and Identity in Development'.. Progress in Development Studies, 4 (4), 365-366.
- Rossi, B. (2003). Review of Hagberg, S. 'Poverty in Burkina Faso: Representations and Realities'.. Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute, 9 (1), 173-174.
- Rossi, B. (2002). Review of Bierschenk, T., Chaveau, JP., Olivier de Sardan, JP. (eds.) 'Courtiers en Développement: Les Villages Africains en Quête de Projets'.. Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute, 8 (3), 581-582.
- Rossi, B. (2002). Review of Casajus, D. 'Gens de Parole: Langage, Poésie et Politique en Pays Touareg'. Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute, 8 (1), 186-187.

### Prizes, Awards and Other Honours

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- 2020, Dec-** **University of Birmingham**  
Appointed Honorary Research Fellow
- 2019** **Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales**  
Invited visiting Professorship
- 2017-2018** **Re: Work, Humboldt University, Berlin**  
Awarded research fellowship to work on "The Rise of African Abolitionism".
- 2016, 1-15 May** **All Souls College, University of Oxford**  
**2016 Evans Pritchard Lecturer**  
Invited to be resident Evans Pritchard Fellow (2 weeks) and give five public lectures on the theme 'Slavery and Emancipation in Twentieth Century Africa'.
- 2013, September** **China Agricultural University:** invited to give graduate seminars on research on development in Africa.
- 1998-2001** **Economic and Social Research Council**  
Doctoral Research award covering full fees of PhD (3 years).
- 1997-1998** **London School of Economics and Political Science**  
M.Phil. award covering full fees (1 year).
- 1994-1997** **City of Westminster (EC)**  
Award covering full fees for entire undergraduate BA programme (3 years).

### Grants

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- 02/2021-07/2022** **AHRC Global Challenges Research Fund, Follow-on Funding, PI: Benedetta Rossi**  
Legacies of Slavery in Niger: Mobilising Memory, Heritage, and Politics to End Abuse (LESLAN):  
Research and Global Challenges grant of £150,000 (maximum amount). <https://leslan.org/>

- 10/2020-09/2025** **European Commission Advanced Grant (ERC), PI: Benedetta Rossi.**  
‘African Abolitionism: The Rise and Transformations of Anti-Slavery in Africa’ (AFRAB), European Union Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme (grant agreement No. 885418). <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/885418>
- 03/2018-02/2023** **European Commission Starting Grant (ERC), PI: Camille Lefebvre.** ‘Hausa and Kanuri Languages as Archive for the History of Sahara and Sahel in 18th and 19th Century’ (LANGARCHIV). Benedetta Rossi acts as senior researcher on this project.
- 2018-2020** **AHRC Global Challenges Research Fund, Anti-slavery Knowledge Network Grant, PI: Benedetta Rossi**  
Legacies of Slavery in Niger: Mobilising Memory, Heritage, and Politics to End Abuse (LESLAN): Research and Global Challenges grant of £100,000 (maximum amount). <https://leslan.org/>
- 09/2020-08/2023** **European Commission COST Action 18205 - Worlds of Related Coercions in Work (COST),** B. Rossi is Management Committee Member representative for the United Kingdom and researcher in the Working Group 1 ‘Grammars of Dependence’ (due to Brexit, UK members participation in COST activities is expected to be funded until the end of 2020).
- 01/2017-12/2020** **European Commission Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) Network Grant** (Euro 1,107,000), ‘Slavery in Africa: A Dialogue between Europe and Africa’ (SLAFNET). Co-applicant. PI: Marie-Pierre Ballarin (Nice).
- 09/2015-08/2020** **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC Canada),** Partnership Grant (CAN\$ 2,049,938), ‘Conjugal Slavery in War: Partnership for the Study of Enslavement, Marriage, and Masculinities’. Co-applicant; PI: Annie Bunting.
- 12/2012-12/2015** **ESRC Teaching Partnership Grant,** for co-teaching and co-supervision of graduate students at the Université Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar (£ 7,000).
- 09/2014-09/2017** **AHRC-British Library Collaborative Doctoral Partnership,** Islamic Pluralism in the Political History of the Central Sahel. Full tuition fees and maintenance funding for one PhD student. Sole applicant.
- 1/2011-12/2014** **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC Canada),** Partnership Development Grant (CAN\$ 202,283), ‘Forced Marriage, Gender, and Conflict Situations: Partnership for Historical and Comparative Research’. Co-applicant; PI: Prof. Annie Bunting.
- 1/2008-12/2010** **Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD, Paris),** Projet Mobilités Ouest-Africaines (MOBOUA), PI: Dr. Monique Bertrand. Collaborative interdisciplinary project on mobility and migrations in West Africa. £11,300 for 4 months of field-research in Niger.
- 3/2008-4/2009** **Arts and Humanities Research Foundation and Economic and Social Research Council (AHRC/ESRC)**  
Network grant (£15,000) in collaboration with Dr. Anne Haour.
- 2005-2007** **Economic and Social Research Council**  
Research Fellowship of £136,500 for project on Trajectories of Slavery in Ader (Niger). Project results evaluated as ‘outstanding’ in the 2008 ESRC review.
- 2001-2002** **London School of Economics and Political Science**  
Doctoral Fellowship (competitive) covering living expenses and travel for research toward completion of doctoral thesis at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

## **Invited Talks (selected)**

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- 2022, 17 November** **Centre Marc Bloch of Humboldt University (Berlin)**  
**Centre’s “Key Seminars”**  
Invited lecture, “Reflections on Labor Coercion in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Africa: Between Global-Historical and Comparative Approaches”
- 2021, 21 October** **University of Cambridge**  
**Cambridge Core Seminar in Economic & Social History**  
Invited lecture, “Euro-American Abolitionism in the African Mirror”

- 2021, 25 September** **EHESS Marseilles**  
**Festival "Tout Migre"**  
Invited talk, "Tadoutchi, Niger 1930"
- 2021, February?** **White Fathers Headquarters, Rome**
- 2020, 10 March** **AHRC Council**  
Invited Presentation of the LESLAN Project (AKN)
- 2020, January** **AKN Accra, Ghana...**
- 2019, 29 November** **University of Oxford**  
**Global and Imperial History Research Seminar**  
Invited lecture "Slavery in the Nigerien Sahel: A Resilient Institution"
- 2019, 17 June** **University of Vienna**  
**Conference "Grammars of Dependency"**  
Invited talk: "Salvry in Hausa Sources: A Semantic Approach".
- 2019, 26 February** **University of Cambridge, King's College**  
**Economic History Seminar**  
Invited lecture: 'Struggles over slavery, struggles over power: Africa 1926-1946'.
- 2019, 16 February** **Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris)**  
Co-organiser and speaker at round table and public outreach event '[African Abolitionism in the 21st Century](#)'.
- 2019, 8 February** **Centre international de recherches sur les esclavages (CIRES), Paris**  
'Euro-American Abolitionisms in the African Mirror'.
- 2019, 31 January** **Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris)**  
**Anthropology Seminar, 'Violence, vulnérabilité, temporalité'**  
'Esclavage dans les guerres africaines contemporaines?'
- 2019, 21 January** **Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris), Institut des mondes africaines**  
'Périodiser la fin de l'esclavage: Le droit colonial, la Société des Nations et la résistance des esclaves dans le Sahel nigérien, 1920-1930'.
- 2019, 18 January** **Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris), d'études nord-américaines**  
'Gender, Sex, and Slavery in World History'.
- 2018, 30 August** **University of Concepción (Chile), Gender Equity and Sexual Diversity Department**  
Invited lecture: 'Gender Violence in Africa: Between Wartime Atrocities and Everyday Discrimination'.
- 2018, 28 August** **Universidad de Chile, Centro de Estudio de Genero y Cultura en America Latina**  
Invited lecture: 'Sexual Slavery in Contemporary African Wars' (['Esclavitud sexual en las guerras de África contemporánea'](#)).
- 2018, 4-5 July** **Institut fur Arbeit und Lebenslauf in Globalgeschichtliche Perspektive, Humboldt University, Berlin**  
Invited speaker for Symposium on Global Labour History.
- 2018, 1 July** **Freie Universität, Berlin**  
**Global History Colloquium**  
Invited lecture: 'Periodizing the End of Slavery: Colonial Law, the League of Nations, and Slave Resistance in the Nigerien Sahel, 1920s-1930s'.
- 2017, 28 Nov.** **Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina (Nigeria)**  
**Conference 'African Slave Trade and Slavery Across the Sahara, the Mediterranean, the Middle East and the Indian Ocean'**  
Invited to give keynote lecture. Accepted invite but could not attend due to failure to obtain visa on time.



- 2017, 6 April**      **All Souls College, University of Oxford**  
**Conference 'Illegalism, Violence, and State Avoidance in Libya, Chad and Central African Republic'**  
 Keynote lecture: 'Interpreting Violence and State Avoidance: A Perspectival Approach'.
- 2017, 21 March**      **Edinburgh University**  
**Diaspora Studies Seminar**  
 Invited lecture: 'Slaves of the Central Sahel: Colonial Law, Slave Resistance, and Periodising African Emancipation'.
- 2016, 25 October**      **École française de Rome and EHESS**  
**Atelier doctoral interdisciplinaire 'La Méditerranée: un laboratoire de l'histoire globale et des processus de globalisation', Rome**  
 Invited to give lecture and convene session: 'Esclavage et émancipation en Afrique au XXe siècle: entre histoire et anthropologie'.
- 2016, 12 Sept.**      **Universidade de Sao Paulo (Brazil), Department of History**  
 Public lecture: 'Slavery and Emancipation in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Africa'.
- 2016, 16 June**      **Conférence-débat organisée par l'IMAF et l'EHESS autour de l'ouvrage de Benedetta Rossi 'From Slavery to Aid: Politics, Labour, and Ecology in the Nigerien Sahel 1800-2000'**  
[Book discussion](#) with presentations by Frederick Cooper (NYU), Ghislaine Lydon (UCLA), Henri Médard (Université de Provence AMU), and Camille Lefebvre (CNRS). Benedetta Rossi was invited to reply to comments.
- 2015, 11-12 Sept.**      **Queen Mary University, London, Department of History**  
**Workshop 'Cultures of Colonial Violence and Warfare: From Pacification to Decolonisation'**  
 Invited speaker, 'Azawagh 1899-1917: Entangled Histories of Colonial Violence and Resistance in the Nigerien Sahel'.
- 2015, 10-11 June**      **University of Amsterdam, Institute of Migration and Ethnic Studies**  
**Conference 'Who Belongs Where: The Comparative Study of Migration and Settlement Control'**  
 Invited speaker, concept paper on 'nomadism' as one of four historical regimes for controlling human mobility.
- 2015, 8 June**      **Institute of Historical research, University of London, Imperial and World History Seminar**  
 Invited speaker at roundtable 'The Future of African History'.
- 2015, 4-6 June**      **Symposium on 'Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Children Born of War: From World War II to Current Conflict Settings', funded by Volkswagen Foundation, Conference Centre of Schloss Herrenhausen, Hannover.**  
 Invited speaker, 'Wartime Enslavement of Women and Children Born of War in Africa: Linking the Historical and the Contemporary'.
- 2014, 20 October**      **University of East Anglia, Sainsbury Institute for Art**  
 Keynote lecture: 'Departures, Crossroads, and Ways of Moving in the *Longue Durée* of African History'.
- 2014, 23 September**      **Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on Africa and its Diasporas (Toronto, Canada)**  
 Invited lecturer: 'From Slavery to Aid in the West African Sahel'.
- 2014, 21 March**      **Queen Mary University London**  
 Invited speaker at symposium *How Historians Think* in honour of Carlo Ginzburg. Presentation title: 'The Anthropologist as Witch'.
- 2014, 24 February**      **Völkerkundemuseum der Universität Zürich, Switzerland**  
 Public Lecture: 'Enslavement and Marriage in Africa'
- 2013, 14-15 Nov.**      **Université Libre de Bruxelles, Institut de Sociologie et Laboratoire d'Anthropologie des Mondes Contemporains**  
 Invited speaker at symposium *Questions d'Esclavage Africain*. Presentation title: 'Slave Descent as an Analytical Category in West African Societies'.
- 2013, 12 October**      **University of Oxford, All Souls College**

Invited speaker at symposium *Strategies of Imperial Control in Arid and Semi-Arid Environments: The Steppe and the Sahara*. Presentation title: 'Kinetocracy: Towards a Model for Nomadic Government in Desert-like Environments'.

- 2013, 23 September** **East China Normal University, Shanghai, China, History Department and Centre of African Studies.**  
Public Lecture: 'The Environmental Factor in Africa's History'.
- 2013, 18 September** **China Agriculture University, Beijing, China, Development Studies and African Studies**  
Public Lecture: 'The Development of "Development" at the Desert's Edge'
- 2013, 17 September** **University of Tsinghua, Beijing, China, Departments of International Relations and History.**  
Public Lecture: 'Slavery and Emancipation in West Africa'.
- 2011, 22-23 Nov.** **Institut fur Arbeit und Lebenslauf in Globalgeschichtliche Perspektive, Humboldt University, Berlin**  
Invited speaker at symposium *Life-cycle and African Slavery*, 'Contexts of Choice: Gender, Age, and Opportunity in the Life of Women of Slave Descent'.
- 2011, 18 Oct.** **Lady Lever Art Gallery, Liverpool**  
**Autumn 2011 Lecture Series**  
Public Lecture: "'We Had to Give Yesterday's Slaves the Time to Learn Freedom": Colonial Attitudes Toward Slavery and Forced Labour in French West Africa, 1900-1946'.
- 2011, 13 Oct.** **Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool**  
**Autumn 2011 Lecture Series and Black History Month Lectures**  
Public Lecture (Black History Month), 'Mobility and Escape of Enslaved persons, 19th and 20th Century West Africa'.
- 2011, 21 September** **African Studies Centre, University of Leiden, The Netherlands**  
**ASC Seminars**  
Public Lecture: 'Gender, Slavery, Policy: Hadijatou Mani in Context'.
- 2011, 11 June** **Exit Art Gallery, New York**  
**Art Exhibition on Contemporary Slavery**  
Invited panellist at public debate.
- 2010, 1 June** **Université Populaire de Niamey (Niger)**  
Public Lecture, 'Identité Haussa: langage, histoire et religion'.
- 2009, 22 April** **WISE Public Lecture, Hull**  
Invited speaker, 'Transformations of Slavery in Niger: The Case of Tahoua'.
- 2009, 13 February** **Centre d'Etude des Mondes Africains, Aix en Provence**  
**Seminar series 'l'Afrique en contexte. Pouvoirs, espaces et discours'**  
Invited speaker, 'Violences, traite et esclavage: du vécu traumatique aux stigmates actuelles': paper and discussion with the historian Antonio de Almeida Mendes.
- 2008, 15 October** **African Studies Centre, Edinburgh, African Studies Seminar**  
Invited speaker, 'From Slaves to Migrants: Transformations of Labour and Mobility in North-Eastern Ader, 1917-1946'.
- 2007, 12 November** **Université Paris 1 'Sorbonne'**  
**Séminaire Esclavages, Emancipations et Abolitions en Afrique**  
Invited speaker, 'L'esclavage Reconsidéré, Trajectoires d'Esclaves dans les Sociétés Ouest-Africaines'.
- 2007, June** **Austrian Academy of Sciences**  
**Seminar 'Tuareg Moving Global'**  
Invited speaker, "Tuareg Trajectories of Slavery".
- 2007, 25-26 May** **Centre of African Studies, University of London**  
**International conference: African Trajectories of Slavery**  
Organiser. Opening paper 'Rethinking Slavery in Africa'.
- 2007, 09 Mar.** **University of Oxford, Anthropology Department Seminars**



Invited speaker, 'Ethnic Pluralism and Interethnic Hierarchy in Ader (Niger).'

- 2007, 08 Feb.** **Centre of African Studies, University of London**  
Invited speaker, 'Dependence and Independence in Ader: Articulations between Slavery and Colonialism in Niger'.
- 2006, 24 Nov.** **University College London, West Africa Seminars**  
Invited speaker, 'Hierarchy, Ethnicity, and Identity in Ader'.
- 2005, Dec** **Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin**  
**Mobility in the Sahara-Sahel Space**  
Invited speaker, 'Status and Mobility in Ader'.
- 2004, Oct** **University College London, West Africa Seminars**  
Invited speaker, 'Hierarchy in Ader: Trajectories of Servility at the Desert's Edge'.
- 2004, February** **School of Oriental and African Studies, Anthropology and Development Seminars**  
Invited speaker, 'Gender and/in Development: The *Femme de Keita*, the *Femmes du Sahel*, and Women in Ader (Niger)'.
- 2003, September** **Columbia University, New York**  
Sheps Lecture: 'Global Governance and Hidden Transcripts: Unveiling Development Rhetorics in Keita (Niger)'.

## Academic Supervision of doctoral students

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### Current

Sophie Küspert-Rakotondrainy (PhD, FT, 2019-to date) "Transformations of Hierarchies in Western Ethiopia. The case of the Mao." 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor.

Joe Abell (PhD, PT, 2014-to date), "Gender, Development and HIV Prevention in Northern Uganda." 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor.

### Completed

Boniface Ojok (PhD, FT, 2016-2020), "Education After Conflict: An Examination of Schooling Attitudes and Responses to Children Born of War Following their (Re-)integration into the Post-Conflict Settings of Northern Uganda." 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor.

Irene Kamaratou (MA by Research, FT, 2018-2020), "Seeking Asylum in Greece: Institutional and Social Responses to African Migrant Women in Athens." 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor.

Toni Smith (PhD, FT, 2016-2020), "Colonial Attitudes toward Women, Slavery and Gender Violence in the Congo, 1900-1930s." 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor.

Eleanor Seymour (PhD, FT, 2016-2020), "'You are Beaten if you are Bad... You Woman You have Made Your Husband Tired': Investigating Gender Violence in Northern Uganda." 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor.

Paul Jacob Naylor (PhD, FT, 2014-2018), "From Rebels to Rulers: Political and Religious Legitimacy in the writings of the Sokoto Fodiawa 1803-1837." 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor.

Eunice Apio (PhD, FT, 2012-2016), "Children Born of War in Northern Uganda: Kinship, Marriage, and the Politics of Post-conflict Reintegration in Lango society." 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor.

## Enterprise\External Engagement

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**2001, July** **Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, 1-month consultancy in **Burkina Faso**: Evaluation of the *Programme de Mise en Valeur de la Vallée de la Nouaho*.

**2000, Aug.** **Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, 1-month consultancy in **Niger**: Fourth Phase of Keita Project: follow up.

- 2000, Apr. Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, 1-month consultancy in **Ethiopia**: Income Generating Activities for Rural Women in Arsi and Bale regions.
- 2000, Feb. Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, 1-month consultancy in **Niger**: Socio-economic and gender issues in the Keita Project.
- 1999, Dec. Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, 1-month consultancy in **Ethiopia**: Identification of gender issues in Arsi and Bale regions.
- 1999, Oct. Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, 1-month consultancy in **Niger**: Fourth Phase of Keita Project: socio-economic and gender issues.
- 1997-1999, Peace Child International (NGO, UK)**, National Coordinator for **Niger**
- 1997, July Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1-month consultancy in Niger: Evaluation of gender approach of Keita Project
- 1995, July Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO, UN): 1-month research visit to Niger**: Visiting researchers at the Keita Project.

## **Affiliations**

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Member of the Royal African Society  
Member of the African Studies Association of the UK  
Member of the African Studies Association of the USA