

## Colloque

Experts et expertises dans les mandats de la  
Société des Nations : figures, champs et outils  
Paris, 26-27 mars 2015

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Nations Mandates: Figures, Fields and Tools  
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Palestine, 1925 (J.H. Mankin photo)



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## Conference Program



Photo (Courtesy of the Palestine Exploration Fund, London)  
Palestine, 1925 (J.H. Mankin photo)

# Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**8.45:** Welcome

**9.15:** Véronique Dimier, keynote lecture  
(ULB/Bruxelles)

**10.00-13.00:** 1<sup>st</sup> panel - Figures of the expert

*Chair : Chantal VERDEIL. Discussion : Emmanuelle SIBEUD (Université Paris 8 - Vincennes-Saint-Denis)*

**10.00-10.30:** Daniel ABWA (Université de Yaoundé I Cameroun),  
« Théodore Marchand, commissaire de la République française au Cameroun (1923-1933), représentant de la France à la CPM face aux pétitions des Camerounais »

**10.30-11.00:** Julie d'ANDURAIN (Université Paris IV – Paris Sorbonne),  
« Robert de Caix, un expert désabusé »

**11.00-11.30:** Coffee break

**11.30-12.00:** Karène SANCHEZ (Universiteit Leiden),  
« Missionnaires britanniques : experts/ contre- experts du Mandat en Palestine ? »

**12.00-12.30:** Quintino LOPES (Universidade de Évora, Portugal),  
« Fernando Pereira da Silva, the National Education Board [*Junta de Educação Nacional*] and the League of Nations: science and diplomacy in the 1930s »

**12.30-13.00:** Geoffrey D. SCHAD (University of Pennsylvania),  
« The figure of the native expert: Léon Mourad in the service of the High Commission for Syria and Lebanon »

**13.00-14.30:** buffet

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**14.30-17.30:** 2<sup>nd</sup> panel - Fields of expertise

*Chair: Norig NEVEU. Discussion : Michael FISCHBACH (Randolph Macon College)*

**14.30-15.00:** Elizabeth WILLIAMS (Georgetown University),  
« Scientific Agriculture and the Politics of Expertise in French Mandate Syria and Lebanon »

**15.00-15.30:** Sarah GRISWOLD (New York University),  
« Law of the Land: Experts and Antiquities Legislation in the Class A Mandates, 1918-1926 »

**15.30-16.00:** Coffee break

**16.00-16.30:** Liat KOZMA (Université hébraïque de Jérusalem),  
« Mapping prostitution in the Levant »

**16.30-17.00:** Nova ROBINSON (University of New Jersey),  
« The Committee of Experts on the Legal Status of Women and Measuring the Status of "All the World's Women" »

**17.00-17.30:** Julia SHATZ (University of California),  
« Defining the Child: Juvenile Delinquency and Competing Expertise in Mandate Palestine »

**20.00:** Conference dinner

# Friday, March 27th, 2015

**09.00:** Welcome

**09.30-12.30:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Panel - Tools of expertise

*Chair : Simon JACKSON. Discussion : Philippe BOURMAUD (Université Jean Moulin – Lyon 3)*

**09.30-10.00:** Roser CUSSÓ (Université Paris 1 – Panthéon Sorbonne),  
« Aux origines de l'évaluation statistique internationale : le système mandataire de la Société des Nations »

**10.00-10.30:** Fuat DÜNDAR (Bilgi University),  
Determining Ethnic Borders by the League of Nations Mosul Commission;  
Statistics and Cartography

**10.30-11.00:** Lauren BANKO (University of Manchester),  
« Differences between the natives' state of civilization' : creating,  
implementing and rationalizing nationality and citizenship in the  
interwar Middle East »

**11.00-11.30:** Pause

**11.30-12.00:** Geoffrey GRAY (University of Queensland),  
« We want people ... who want to study real difficult problems': the  
anthropological expert in the Territory of New Guinea »

**12.00-12.30:** Christine WINTER (University of Sidney),  
« Mixed race populations in the C Mandates: a study in ambivalence »

**12.30-14.30:** Lunch break

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**14.30-18.30:** 4<sup>th</sup> panel - The limits of expertise

*Chair : Philippe BOURMAUD. Discussion : Simon JACKSON (Birmingham University)*

**14.30-15.00:** Alvine Henry ASSEMBE NDI (Université de Yaoundé),  
« La gestion des pétitions sur le Cameroun sous mandat français par la CPM : une contre-expertise négligée ? »

**15.00-15.30:** Ananda V. BURRA (University of Michigan),  
« Newly Minted Experts: Petitioning the Mandates System and Anti-Colonial Protest »

**15.30-16.00:** Robert GORDON (University of Vermont),  
« 'Bloody Geneva': The Administrator of South-west Africa responds »

**16.00-16.30:** Coffee break

**16.30-17.00:** Emma EDWARDS (National University of Ireland),  
« International institutions as catalysts for change? Nascent post-colonial discourse in the International Labour Organisation 1919-47 »

**17.00-17.30:** Hilary Falb KALISMAN (University of California),  
« Local and Colonial Educators in the Mandates for Iraq and Palestine: Contested Expertise within National and International Frameworks »

**17.30-18.30:** Conclusions of the conference, Susan Pedersen (Columbia University)

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