

# Power and Popular Politics in Colonial and Postcolonial Africa



"Stop Killing Our Dreamers!" #EndSars Protest, Oct 2020

Online Workshop: Friday 1 December 2022, 2pm-4pm

[Zoom Link \(click here\)](#)

This collaborative project focuses on histories of power and popular politics as a way into studying Anglophone and Francophone Africa. Paradoxically, these regions are often studied in isolation from each other, mimicking former colonial boundaries rather than allowing for points of convergence. Transcending a division that diminishes our understanding of Africa, this workshop aims to generate new ideas and approaches whilst also acknowledging both difference and shared historical experience.

## Speakers:

**Florence Bernault (History, Sciences Po):**

**Youth, Police, and Urban Gangs: Historicizing *Bébés Noirs* and State Violence in Congo-Brazzaville**

**Florence Brisset-Foucault (Political Science, University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne):**

**"Okwekalakasa": Crowds, Violence and Discipline in Twentieth-Century Buganda**

**Ruth Watson (History, Cambridge):**

**Crowds and Protest in the History of Lagos, Nigeria**