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**ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM & DEBATE
RESEARCH ON ISS HISTORY**

10 October 2024

In partnership with MEG – Musée d'ethnographie de Genève

Bd. Carl-Vogt 67, 1205 Genève

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8h30

Arrival and coffee

9h-9h15

Introduction

Cilgia Caratsch & Jean Ayoub

9h15-10h15

Practices of international social work for people on the move in the first half of the 20th century

Chair, Julie Franck (TBC)

Francesca Piana, University of Trento

Assisting the “legitimate family”. International social work in Fascist Italy

Apolline Foedit, IHEID

Exploring the emergence of the “space of the cause for refugees” in Geneva: the formative years of the Swiss Branch of the International Social Service (1932-1945)

10h15-10h30

Coffee break

10h30-12h00

Practices in inter-country adoption after WWII

Chair: Davide Rodogno, Graduate Institute Geneva

Gonda Van Steen, King's College London

The Hellenic Branch of the International Social Service: History, Archival Policy, and Recent Progress

Catherine Ceniza Choy, Berkeley

History of ISS-USA's work on international adoption from Asia

Luciana Jinga, ICCMER, University of Bucharest

Romania as sending country for international adoptions in the 1980s and the 1990s

12h00-12h45 Lunch break

12h45-13h45 **Guided Visit of the Exhibit, Mémoires. Genève dans le monde colonial**
Ms Floriane Morin, Curator

14h00-15h30 **Roundtable, defying inequalities and coloniality, an inter-disciplinary perspective**

Chair: Hyacinth Miller, Rutgers University Newark

Floriane Morin, Ethnographic Museum, Geneva

Sitara Chamot, Association Baro

Marie-Luce Desgrandchamps, University of Geneva

Tammam Aloudat, Doctors without borders

Hyacinth Miller, Rutgers University Newark

16h00-17h00 **Visit to the exhibit "Across Times and Borders. A Century of Serving Children and Families"**
Espace Quartier Libre SIG, Pont de la Machine