

Symposium
Dec 10, 2021

***Identity and Conflict in the Sahel:
Narratives of/on Tuareg and Fulani***

8:45-9:00 am: Introduction

9:00 – 10:30: First Panel: Questioning Elite Meta-Narratives

Chair : Alioune Sow, Sahel Research Group, University of Florida

Making Sense of Racial Grievance in Mali: Tuareg and Fulani Intellectuals and the Problem of Violence

Bruce S. Hall, UC Berkeley

The Role of Elites and Social Media in Building a Transnational Fulani Identity in the Sahel

Abdoulaye Kane, Sahel Research Group, University of Florida

Tuareg Nationalisms in Mali and Niger: Comparing Elite Narratives

Adib Bencherif, Sahel Research Group, University of Florida

10:30- 11:00: Pause/Break

11:00- 12:00: Second Panel: Struggles Against Hierarchical Political Dominances

Chair: Fiona McLaughlin, Sahel Research Group, University of Florida

‘A Slave can’t lead the prayer here!’ Competing Meanings of Ethnicity and Religion amongst Haalpulaaren (Senegal-Mauritania)

Cédric Jourde, University of Ottawa

In Ménaka History is being restaged on social media against the background of an aggravated crisis

Charles Grémont, IRD/LPED Marseille

12:00-13:30: Lunch

13:30-15:00: Third Panel: Identities and Competition for Resources: Untangling livelihoods

Chair: Renata Serra, Sahel Research Group University of Florida

The conflict in Gourma-Liptaako: the interference of memory work and information flows

Mirjam de Bruijn and Mamadou Togola, Leiden University.

Old problems in new times: Resource Conflict and Armed violence in the Mopti region

Ibrahim Yahaya Ibrahim, International Crisis Group

Building Fulani self-defence in Burkina Faso and Mali: protecting the community, courting the state, and dissociating themselves from jihadists

Tanguy Quidelleur, University Paris Nanterre - ENS Paris-Saclay

15:00-15:30: Pause/Break

15:30-16:30: Concluding remarks followed by a debate between scholars and practitioners: Solving conflicts in the Sahel through narratives?