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14.00 : Opening by Marie-Emmanuelle Pommerolle (IFRA) & Mathieu Quet (CEPED-CSSP)

14.30 : Session 1a – Political technologies

- The politics of knowledge, trust and truth : electoral technology in Kenyan elections (Marie-Emmanuelle Pommerolle, IFRA; Cecilia Passanti, Univ. Paris1)
- The marketing of electoral biometrics: expertise, business and politics in Chad (Marielle Debos, Univ. Paris Nanterre)

16.30 : Session 1b – Political technologies

- Data, infrastructure, citizenship: of illegal immigration and a citizen identification project. (Khetrimayum Monish Singh, CIS).
- The single source of truth about Kenyans : collateral mysteries, credit information and Safaricom in the evolution of the National Digital Registry System (Keith Breckenridge, Wiser)

22 May 2018

9.00 : Keynote lecture - Mathematical abstraction, writing and Imperialism racism : on the theoretical significance of biometric government (Keith Breckenridge, Wiser)

10.30 : Session 2a – Digital inclusion

- Mobile connectivity in Kenya: closing the great divide? (Patrick Mbataru, Kenyatta University)
- Smart cards for all : accessing health through big data (Marine Al Dahdah, Cermes3-Rajiv Mishra, JNU)
- Replacing faces with interfaces? – Denaturalizing the technicization of water supply through automatic water dispensers (Christiane Tristl, Goethe Universitat)

13.30 Session 2b – Digital inclusion

- Financial inclusion and digital technologies in Northern India (Javed Alam, JNU; Mathieu Quet CEPED- CSSP)
- Understanding the diffusion and adoption of digital finance innovation in emerging economies: the system dynamics of M-PESA (Ann Kingiri, African Centre for Technology Studies, Kenya and Xiaolan FU, Oxford University)

15.00 : Session 3 – Digital cities

- City-making, and the rise of urban and technology-oriented development interventions in Nairobi (Guma Prince, Utrecht Univ.)
- Disaster technologies, the case of Nepal's 2015 earthquake and its responses (Sohan Sha, Martin Chautari)

16.00 : Keynote lecture – African ways of ICTs: information and rupture (Mirjam de Bruijn, Leiden University)

18.00-19.30 : Digital KenIndia - Science café - @Alliance Française

Marine Al Dahdah (Cermes3), Khetrimayum Monish Singh, (CIS), Nanjala Nyabola (political analyst and writer).