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## ACROSS TIMES AND BORDERS.

### A Century of Serving Children and Families

In partnership with MEG – Musée d'ethnographie de Genève

Bd. Carl-Vogt 67, 1205 Genève

With the support of



**8h30**

**Arrival and coffee**

**9h-9h15**

**Introduction**

Jean Ayoub, ISS Secretary General & Cilgia Caratsch, Director ISS  
Switzerland

**9h15-10h15**

**Practices of international social work for people on the move in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century**

Chair: Sandro Cattacin, University of Geneva

**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 Migration 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**, University of California, 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**