

# **Making a Difference: Seventy Years of UNESCO Actions**

**UNESCO Anniversary Conference, UNESCO, 125 Avenue de Suffren, Paris,  
28-29 October 2015  
Room X**

**Wednesday 28 October 2015**

## **9.30-10.30: Opening Ceremony**

- Ms Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO
- H. E. Mr Mohamed Sameh Amr, Chairperson of the Executive Board of UNESCO
- Mr Hao Ping, President of the General Conference of UNESCO
- **Her Royal Highness Princess Marie of Denmark**, Protector of the Danish National Commission for UNESCO.
- *Projection of historical images and sound*

## **10.30-10.45: Introduction**

- Poul Duedahl (Aalborg University, Denmark): *Out of the House: On the Global History of UNESCO, 1945-2015*

## **10.45-12.30: Sub-theme: Routes of Knowledge**

- Edgardo C. Krebs (Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC, USA): *Popularizing Anthropology, Combating Racism: Alfred Métraux at the UNESCO Courier*
- Céline Giton (Chartreuse de Neuville, France): *Weapons of Mass Distribution: UNESCO and the Central Role of Books*
- Suzanne Langlois (York University, Toronto, Canada): *And Action!: UN and UNESCO Coordinating Information Films, 1945-1951*

## **14.30-16.00: Sub-theme: Rebuilding a World Devastated by War**

- Samuel BouSSION (Université Paris-8, France), Mathias Gardet (Université Paris-8, France) & Martine Ruchat (Université de Genève, Switzerland): *Child Victims, UNESCO and the Promotion of International Model of Children's Communities after World War II*
- Takashi Saikawa (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Tokyo, Japan): *Returning to the International Community: UNESCO and Postwar Japan, 1945-1951*
- Miriam Intrator (Ohio University, USA): *Pursuing Peace through a 'Library-Minded' World*

## **16.00-17.30: Sub-theme: Experts on the Ground**

- Jens Boel (UNESCO Archives, France): *UNESCO's Fundamental Education Program 1946-1958: Vision, Actions and Impact*
- Josué Mikobi (Université Pédagogique Nationale and Université Protestante au Congo, Kinshasa, D.R. Congo): *Education for Independence: UNESCO in post-colonial Congo*
- Anabella Abarzúa Cutroni (Universidad Nacional de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina): *The flow of UNESCO experts towards Latin America: On the asymmetrical impact of the missions, 1947-1984*

## Thursday 29 October 2015

### 9.30-10.30: **Keynote Speaker**

- Elikia M'Bokolo (École des hautes études en sciences sociales de Paris, France): *Why History? Reflections on the Relevance of the Historical Sciences for UNESCO's Activities*

### 10.45-12.30: **Sub-theme: Implementing Peace in the Minds**

- Thomas Nygren (Uppsala University, Sweden): *UNESCO Teaches History: Implementing International Understanding in Sweden*
- Inés Dussel (Departamento de Investigaciones Educativas del Centro de Investigación y Estudios Avanzados, Mexico) & Christian Ydesen (Aalborg University, Denmark): *UNESCO and the Improvement of History Textbooks in Mexico, 1945-1960*
- Aigul Kulnazarova (Tama University, Japan): *UNESCO's Role in East Asian Reconciliation: Postwar Japan and International Understanding*

### 14.00-15.30: **Sub-theme: Practicing World Heritage**

- Aurélie Elisa Gfeller & Jaci Eisenberg (The Graduate Institute, Switzerland): *UNESCO and the Shaping of Global Heritage*
- Agnès Borde Meyer (Paris 1 Pantheon Sorbonne, France): *Safeguarding Iran and Afghanistan: On UNESCO's Efforts in the Field of Archaeology*
- Celine Lai (Chinese University of Hong Kong, P.R. China): *UNESCO and Chinese Heritage: An Ongoing Campaign to Achieve World-Class Standard*

### 15.30-15.45: **Concluding Remarks**

- Chief Archivist Jens Boel, UNESCO & Professor Poul Duedahl, Director of the Global History of UNESCO Project

### 15.45-16.00: **Closing of the Conference**

- Chairperson of the Danish National Commission for UNESCO, Professor Linda Nielsen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

The conference will be moderated by Vincent Defourny, Director of UNESCO's Division of Public Information