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(Bill Schwartz, *Memories of Empire* (Vol.1), *The White Man's World*, Oxford University Press, 2011, p. 19).

9h15: Opening
Guillaume Duseigneur, Sciences Po Lille

9h30 - 10h30: **Panel 1**
**THE EMERGENCE OF POWELLISM:
IMMIGRATION, RACE AND BRITISH POLITICS**
Chair:
Nonna Mayer, Sciences Po Paris

9h30:
Robert Ford, University of Manchester
Powell and After: Immigration, Race and Politics in Britain 1964-1979

10h10: Questions (+ coffee break)

10h30 - 11h35: **Panel 2**
POWELL AND IMMIGRATION (#1)
Chair:
Cécile Leconte, Sciences Po Lille

10h30:
Christian Ydesen, Aalborg University, Denmark
Gustavo Takeshy Taniguti, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil
UNESCO, Immigration and the Handling of Right-Wing Upsurge, 1967-1974

10h55:
David C. Shiels, Wolfson College, Cambridge University
Enoch Powell, Immigration and the Irish Question

11h20: Questions (+ coffee break)

11h35 - 12h40: **Panel 3**
POWELL AND IMMIGRATION (#2)
Chair:
Audrey Célestine, University of Lille, Institut Universitaire de France

11h35:
Olivier Esteves, University of Lille
Common-sense legitimizations of 'White Backlash': harnessing the memory of the second world war in letters of support to Powell

12h00:
Kevin Myers, University of Birmingham
Powell and education: colonial legacies in the classroom (Birmingham)

12h25: Questions

12h40-14h00: Lunch break



14h00 - 15h20: **Panel 4**
POWELL, THAT UNDYING POLITICAL ANIMAL
Chair:
Emmanuel Roudaut, Sciences Po Lille

14h00:
Stéphane Porion, University of Tours
Enoch Powell's inspiring influence on Alfred Sherman and Nick Griffin

14h25:
Karine Tournier-Sol, University of Toulon
The Influence of Powell on the United Kingdom Independence Party

14h50: Questions

15h05: Coffee break

15h20 - 16h25: **Panel 5**
POWELL AND THE EUROPEAN QUESTION
Chair:
Lucie De Carvalho, University of Lille

15h20:
Mark Gilbert, Johns Hopkins, SAIS Europe - Bologna
The Origins of Brexit: Enoch Powell, Douglas Jay and British Tradition

15h45:
Paul Corthorn, Queen's University, Belfast
Enoch Powell and the Politics of British Decline: international relations, the economy and Europe

16h10: Questions

16h25-17h00:
Conclusions / Routledge publication 2018