

Adventure Capital: Migration and the Making of an African Hub in Paris

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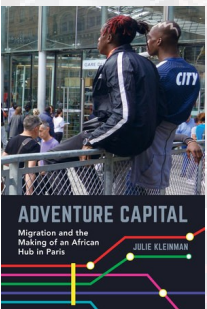
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Julie Kleinman is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Fordham University in New York, and has held fellowships from the Mellon Foundation, Social Science Research Council, and the Hutchins Centre at Harvard University. She is an urban anthropologist working on migration in France and in West Africa. She is currently working on a project on migrant rights activism and new forms of pan-African belonging in Mali.



Discussant: Laurie Hart

Laurie Kain Hart is Professor of Anthropology and Global Studies and Director of the Center for European and Russian Studies at University of California, Los Angeles. Her research focuses on ethnopolitical conflict, violence, borders, migration, urban spatial segregation, and mental health in Greece and the US.



Paris's Gare du Nord is one of the busiest international transit centers in the world. In the past three decades, it has become an important hub for West African migrants—self-fashioned adventurers—navigating life in the city. In this talk, based on her recent book, Julie Kleinman chronicles how West Africans use the Gare du Nord to create economic opportunities, confront police harassment, and forge connections to people outside of their communities. The presentation will focus on the ways that migrants retool French transit infrastructure to build alternative pathways toward social and economic integration where state institutions have failed, illustrating the central role that they play in revitalizing French urban life.

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