

During the 1970s Sub-Saharan Africa experienced deep political, economic and social transformations. The crisis of the post-colonial nation-building processes was compounded by growing authoritarian practices and faltering economic growth. State institutions were further weakened by armed conflicts deeply embroiled in Cold War rivalries. This process was particularly pronounced in the Horn of Africa, where the Ethiopia-Somalia war paved the way to further superpowers' involvement in regional politics, and in Southern Africa. The late decolonization of Angola and Mozambique was followed by deeply internationalized civil wars in both countries. While a new wave of popular protest in South Africa was met by the violent repression of the apartheid regime, the latter denied the independence of Namibia through military occupation. Finally, only in December 1979 the Lancaster House Agreement put an end to the armed conflict in Rhodesia. The conference will discuss the exhaustion of the state-led economic development model and the origins of the debt crisis, the armed conflicts and the military and diplomatic role of regional and international actors, and the independence struggles in Southern Africa.

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21 January

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9:00 - **Welcoming remarks**

9:30 - **Morning, PANEL 1**

MALYN NEWITT - *Chairman*
King's College London

ANNA MARIA GENTILI
Dipartimento di Politica, Istituzioni, Storia - Università di Bologna
Introductory Remarks

AURORA ALMADA E SANTOS
Faculty of Social and Human Sciences of the New University of Lisbon
The Decolonization Committee and the Struggle in the Portuguese Colonies in the 1970s

KLAUS STORCKMANN
Forschungsbereich "Militärsgeschichte der DDR im Bündnis" -
Militärsgeschichtliches Forschungsamt Postfach - Potsdam
Helping Decolonisation or Fighting the Cold War in Southern Africa? East German Military Support to Mozambique in the 1970s

CORRADO TORNIMBENI
Dipartimento di Politica, Istituzioni, Storia - Università di Bologna
Local Political Struggles, Accommodations and the Nation-Building Project. The Independence of Mozambique in the 1970s

LUÍS NUNO RODRIGUES
ISCTE – Lisbon University Institute
Searching for Political Solutions: Spinola, Senghor and Guinea-Bissau in the Early 1970s

MARIO DEL PERO - *Discussant*
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13.00 - **Lunch**

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14:30 - **Afternoon, PANEL 2**

MARIO ZAMPONI - *Chairman*
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IAN PHIMISTER
University of Sheffield
Introductory remarks

ALOIS MLAMBO
University of Pretoria, South Africa
Discordant Voices: The Organisation of African Unity's Response to UDI 1965-1979

BIZECK JUBE PHIRI
University of Zambia
The Impact of the Rhodesian UDI on Politics and Power Relations in Zambia during the Era of Liberation Wars, 1964-1980

JACOBUS A. DU PISANI
North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa
"Today Vorster becomes great" – Reassessing B.J. Vorster's Role in the Détente Initiative for a Rhodesian Settlement, 1974-1975

ARRIGO PALLOTTI
Dipartimento di Politica, Istituzioni, Storia - Università di Bologna
Tanzania's Foreign Policy, Southern Africa's Liberation, and the Crisis of Ujamaa (1965-1980)

MARIA STELLA ROGNONI - *Discussant*
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Sala dell'Aquila – Istituto Gramsci
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9:30 - **Morning, PANEL 3**

GIAMPAOLO CALCHI NOVATI - *Chairman*
Dipartimento di Studi Politici e Sociali - Università di Pavia

HENNING MELBER
Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation
Introductory remarks

DAWNE Y. CURRY
University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Who Knows, Wears or Transports the Secret? The Underground Movement in Alexandra, South Africa

ALICIA C. DECKER
Purdue University
Militarism, Nationalism, and Intimacy: Musings on the Five Wives of Idi Amin

LUCA PUDDU
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International Aid, Political Modernization and Land Reform: Western Donors and Ethiopia in the Late Period of Imperial Era

VLADIMIR SHUBIN
Institute of African Studies, Moscow
Ogaden War: a View from Moscow

MARIA CRISTINA ERCOLESSI - *Discussant*
Dipartimento di Studi e Ricerche su Africa e Paesi Arabi - Università L'Orientale di Napoli