

PhD Workshop

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Democracy in Africa

Current Issues and Challenges Ahead



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8.45 - 9.00 Welcoming remarks

Prof. Mario Zamponi - University of Bologna

9.00-9.30 Keynote 1

Prof. Henning Melber - Nordic African Institute, Uppsala: Limits to democracy in Southern Africa

9.30 - 11.00 PANEL 1 - Institutional governance and democracy

- Joe Jakarasi - University of the Free State: Care in Zimbabwe's democratic age: an elusive issue?
- Hyden Munene - University of the Free State: An assessment of democratic election management in Africa: a case study of Zambia, 1991-2021.
- Discussant: prof. Arrigo Pallotti - University of Bologna

11.00 - 11.30 BREAK

11.30-12.00 Keynote 2

Prof. Rasul Minja - University of Dar es Salaam: The Present and Future of Democracy in the EAC Region

12.00-13.30 PANEL 2 - Urbanisation and democracy

- Federica Duca - University of Bologna: Smart cities as new democratic cities in South Africa: a critical analysis
- Marco Monaco - University of Bologna: Urbanization, Authority, and Democracy. The reconfiguration of relationships between residents and institutions in peri-urban Kisumu, Kenya.
- Discussant: prof. Mathijs van Leeuwen - Radboud University

13.30 - 15.00 Lunch

15.00 - 15.30 Keynote 3

Prof. Mamoudou Gazibo - Université de Montréal: Democratization in Africa: between local mobilizations and external influence

15.30 - 17.30 PANEL 3 - State relations and democracy

- Unaludo Sechele - University of the Free State: "The Fall of Apartheid", Reimagining Botswana's relations with a Democratic South Africa, 1990-2000
- Keaobaka Tsholo - University of the Free State: Democracy, Decolonisation and Bantustans: The case of Bophuthatswana at the Transitional Negotiations in South Africa, 1990-1994.
- Lorenzo Ghione - University of Bologna: International relations, bargaining and democracy in Africa
- Raffaele Ventura - University of Trento: Environmental cooperation, peace and democracy in southern Africa: water resources in the SADC.
- Discussant: prof. Corrado Tornimbeni - University of Bologna

17.45 - 18.30 Conclusions

