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Program

Africa and the Global Cold War III

Gedenk- und Bildungsstätte Andreasstraße, Erfurt

22-24 September 2022

Organizers: Aychegrew Hadera (Bahir Dar University); Christian Methfessel (Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History); Ned Richardson-Little (Erfurt University); Teferi Mekonnen (Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa University); Jan Záhorský (University of West Bohemia in Pilsen)

Thursday, 22 September 2022

- 11 a.m. **Guided Tour**
Memorial and Education Centre Andreasstraße
- 12:30-1 p.m. **Arrival**
- 1-1:15 p.m. **Welcome**
Christian Werkmeister (Erfurt/ Weimar)
- 1:15-2 p.m. **Introduction**
Organizers
Kelemework Tafere (Mekelle)
- 2:15-3:45 p.m. **Academic Mobilities, Decolonization and the Cold War**
Chair: Ned Richardson-Little (Erfurt)
Eric Burton (Innsbruck): The Pen and the Gun: African Liberation Movements and Educational Trajectories
Marcia Schenck (Potsdam): Cold War Policies, Scholarship Programs and Decolonization Struggles: African Refugee Students of the late 1960s
Comment: Florian Wagner (Erfurt)
- 3:45-4:15 p.m. **Coffee Break**





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4:15-5:45 p.m.

Academic Mobilities between Africa and Eastern Europe

Chair: Kelemework Tafere (Mekelle)

Lorena Anton (Bucharest)/ Laura Bisailon (Toronto): The Politics of RED-Education. Ethiopian-Romanian Academic Exchanges during Ceaușescu's Regime

Jan Záhorský (Pilsen): Education as a Socialist Modernity: Closer Look at Czechoslovak-Ethiopian Relations in the Cold War

Comment: Nikolaus Graf Vitzthum (New Haven)

6-6:30 p.m.

Wrap-Up Discussion Day 1

Chair: Paul Skäbe (Erfurt)

Introductory Note: Ned Richardson-Little (Erfurt)

7:30 p.m.

Dinner

Friday, 23 September 2022

8:30-10 a.m.

East-South Information and Media Entanglements

Chair: Florian Wagner (Erfurt)

Robert Heinze (Paris): Solidarity on the Air: Southern African “Liberation Radios” in the Context of East-South and South-South Relations

Mikuláš Pešta (Prague): Africans and the Media of the “Communist Geneva”. The Role of Africans in the Communication of the International Organizations Based in Socialist Czechoslovakia

Comment: Eric Burton (Innsbruck)

10-10:30 a.m.

Coffee Break

10:30 a.m. -
12 p.m.

Intelligence Cooperation and Clandestine Knowledge Networks

Chair: Sue Onslow (London)

Robin Möser (Potsdam): Apartheid South Africa's Transnational Nuclear Network: Cooperation with France and Germany, 1968-1978

Jan Koura (Prague): Imbalanced Partnership: Czechoslovakia, Morocco and the Global Cold War in Africa in 1960s

Comment: Ned Richardson-Little (Erfurt)





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12-1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:45-3:45 p.m.

Arms Trade and Mercenaries in Cold War Africa

Chair: Christian Methfessel (Berlin)

Sue Onslow (London): Histories of 'Foreign Mercenaries' or 'Ideological Foot Soldiers' in the Rhodesian War

Ned Richardson-Little (Erfurt): The Two German States and the Evolution of Arms Trafficking to Africa in the Cold War

Milorad Lazić (Washington, D.C.): Yugoslavia's Military Aid to Ethiopia and the Ogaden War

Comment: Jan Záhorkík (Pilsen)

3:45-4:15 p.m.

Coffee Break

4:15-5:45 p.m.

The Ethiopian-Somali Conflict in a Cold War Perspective

Chair: Teferi Mekonnen (Addis Ababa)

Natalia Telepneva (Glasgow): The Soviet Embassy in Addis Ababa in the Run-Up to the Ethiopian-Somali War, 1974-1977

Yonas Seifu (Jimma): Soviet-American Rivalry in the Horn of Africa: The Case of the Ogaden War (1977-78)

Comment: Christian Methfessel (Berlin)

6-6:30 p.m.

Wrap-Up Discussion Day 2

Chair: Peter Nadig (Berlin/ Mekelle)

Introductory Note: Aychegrew Hadera (Bahir Dar)

7:30 p.m.

Conference Dinner





Saturday, 24 September 2022

8:30-10 a.m.

Conflict in the Horn of Africa: Contested Territory and Resources

Chair: Christian Methfessel (Berlin)

Teferi Mekonnen (Addis Ababa): Revisiting the Impact of the Cold War on the Hydropolitics of the Eastern Nile River

Comment: Ketebo Abdiyo (Jimma)

10-10:30 a.m.

Coffee Break

10:30-11:45 a.m.

New Ethiopian Sources on Cold War History

Chair: Iris Schröder (Erfurt/ Gotha)

Aychebrew Hadera (Bahir Dar): Ethiopia's Foreign Policy in the Time of the Dergue: New Evidence from Political Memoirs

Teferi Mekonnen (Addis Ababa)/ Christian Methfessel (Berlin): Round Table: Conducting Research in Ethiopian Archives

12-1 p.m.

Final Discussion

Chair: Christian Methfessel (Berlin)

Introductory Notes: Ketebo Abdiyo (Jimma) and Iris Schröder (Erfurt/ Gotha)

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