



Conference “Africa and the Global Cold War II”

Mekelle University, Adi-haqi Campus, Theater Hall, 25-26 March 2019

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Program

Monday, 25 March 2019

- 9-9:30 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction**
Zenawi Zerihun (Mekelle)
Iris Schröder (Erfurt/Gotha)
Alexander Thumfart (Erfurt)
- 9:30-10:30 a.m. **Coffee Break**
- 10:30-12 a.m. **Historiography**
Tewodros Hailemariam (Dilla): Marxist Studies of Africa during the Global Cold War
Iris Schröder (Erfurt/Gotha): Towards a New Historiography of Conflict: The Ethiopian Famine, International Aid, Pictures and Publicity
Comment: Sintayehu Kassaye (Mekelle)
- 12-1:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30-3:45 p.m. **Cold War Diplomacy and African Internationalism**
Abraha Woldu (Bule Hora): Venturing into African Nationalism: A Shift in Ethiopia’s Foreign Relations and Domestic Scenes
Michael Pesek (Berlin): African Perspectives on the Cold War
Thomas Spielbüchler (Linz): Conflict Management in Africa: Historical Problems of a Forward-thinking Idea
Maximilian Vogel (Berlin): Across the Iron Curtain: The Organizations of African Students in the GDR as a Part of Transnational Networks
Comment: Iris Schröder (Erfurt/Gotha)
- 3:45-4:15 p.m. **Coffee Break**



4:15-6:30 p.m.

The German Democratic Republic and Africa

Paul Sprute (Berlin) and Maximilian Vogel (Berlin): Ideology and Practice Intertwined: Towards an Integrated Understanding of Socialist 'International Solidarity': The Case of the GDR and Angola

Paul Sprute (Berlin): Exercising 'International Solidarity': The Brigadetagebücher of the FDJ-Freundschaftsbrigaden in Angola and the Experience of Young East Germans in the Global Cold War

Franziska Rantzsch (Erfurt): The German Democratic Republic, Cold War Rhetoric and "International Solidarity": Media Depictions of the Ethiopian Famine (1984/85) in a Socialist State

Ned Richardson-Little (Erfurt): Africa and East Germany in Human Rights and International Law: Intellectual and Material Entanglements

Comment: Alexander Thumfart (Erfurt)

Tuesday, 26 March 2019

9-10:45 a.m.

International Rivalries and the Horn of Africa

Meressa Tsehaye (Mekelle): Nation Building, Liberation Struggles and Role of External Powers in the Horn of Africa: The Case of Eritrea and Ethiopia

Christian Methfessel (Erfurt): "The Russians are in a sense in the right": The United Kingdom and the Ogaden War, 1977-1978

Paul Skäbe (Erfurt): Paul Henze's Journeys in Ethiopia and in Zbigniew Brzezinski's National Security Council

Comment: Aychegrew Hadera (Mekelle)

10:45-11 a.m.

Coffee Break

11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Cold War and the Horn: Social and Political Developments

Dessalegn Bizuneh (Gonder): The 1974 Ethiopian Revolution, Cold War Rivalry and Aftereffects on the Growth of Matama

Florian Wagner (Erfurt): Questioning Humanitarian Return Migration: Cold War Repatriations in Ethiopia

Aychegrew Hadera (Mekelle): Development Interventions in the Kobo-Alamata Valley: 1960s-2017

Gereziher Haftu (Mekelle): Cold War Intervention and its Implication in the Militarization of the Horn of Africa

Comment: Peter Nadig (Mekelle)

1-2 p.m.

Lunch



2-4:15 p.m.

A New Cold War? Geopolitics in the Horn

Tesfahunegn Haile Mariam (Mekelle) and Mulubrhan Adane (Mekelle):
The Cold War, Foreign Intervention and its Consequences in the Horn of Africa

Gebremedhin Gebremichael (Mekelle): Renewed Rivalry of Global and Regional Powers in the Horn of Africa

Abrha Tesfay (Mekelle): The Rebirth of Cold War Era and its Impact on the Destiny of the Horn

Solomon Abraha (Mekelle): Reckoning with the Post-Cold War, the End of Liberal Internationalism, the Era of Strongman and the Horn of Africa: Changes, Continuities and Context

Comment: Christian Methfessel (Erfurt)

4:15-4:45 p.m.

Coffee Break

4:45-5:30 p.m.

Concluding Remark

Alexander Thumfart (Erfurt)

Sintayehu Kassaye (Mekelle)

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