

Russia's Politics of Truth and its Quest for Alliances in the Global South

Program

Evening lecture 23.10.2024, 18:00

Sylvia Sasse (Uni Zürich): Reversals into the Opposite. Subversion as a Technique of Power

Optional: 19:30 DINNER

24.10.2024 / DAY 1

9:00 Bernhard Kleeberg, Johanna Hügel, Antonia Purk (Uni Erfurt): Introduction

10:00 – 12:00 PANEL 1: AGAINST WESTERN HEGEMONY: THE PRESENT OF EUROPEAN COLONIAL PASTS, Moderation: Dietlind Hüchtker (Uni Vienna)

Riccardo Nicolosi (Uni Munich): Anti-Colonialism as a Rhetorical Strategy: Putin's Rhetoric of War and Its Geopolitical Imaginary

Mufutau Muyiwa (Uni Erfurt): Russia's Strategy in Africa: Navigating Influence and Alliances via International Broadcasting

Ivan Sablin (Uni Heidelberg): Anticolonial Rhetoric and the Invasion of Afghanistan: Soviet Discourse for the Global South in 1979–1989 and Its Legacies

12:00 – 13:30 LUNCH BREAK

13:30 – 15:00 PANEL 2: NARRATIVES OF RUSSIA AS A SECURITY PROVIDER AS CLAIMS FOR TRUTH AUTHORITY, Moderation: Jan Surman (Uni Prague)

Lucky Igohosa Ugbudian (Uni Ndufu-Alike, Nigeria / Uni Bern): Dynamics in the Relations Between Russia and West African Countries

Konstantin Pakhaliuk (Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies, Tel Aviv): The Cultural and Ideological Foundations of Russian Power-based Expansion in Central African Republic

15:00 – 16:30 DECOLONIZE ERFURT CITY TOUR

16:30 – 18:30 PANEL 3: TRUTH AS/AND SOCIAL BELONGING: ANTIIMPERIALISM BETWEEN STRATEGIC ESSENTIALISM AND ETHNOPLURALISM, Moderation: Meike Katzek (Uni Erfurt)

Marius Huber (FU Berlin): Nationalist Anti-Imperialism in Germany. Postcolonial Strategies in the German Far-Right

Ivan Kislenko (LMU Munich): Goodbye, Global East? Failed Strategic Essentialism during the Wartime, Prospects for Global Eastern Epistemologies and Eastern Theory in Sociology

Sergey A. Chernyshov (Bochum): How Can Local Historical Memory Help the Internal Decolonization of Russia?

19:30 DINNER

25.10.2024 / DAY 2

09:00 – 11:00 PANEL 4: PERFORMING AND STAGING TRUTH: COLONIZING THE MIND INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF RUSSIA, Moderation: Dirk Schuck (Uni Erfurt)

Liudmyla Pidkuimukha (Uni Gießen): The Russian Language Ideology in Strategic Narratives of the Russian Public Figures

Alexander Osipov (Karelian Institute, Joensuu): History Textbooks as a Tool for (De)colonization of Kazakhstan

Stanislau Paulau (Uni Halle): The Expansion of Russian Orthodoxy in Africa

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 13:00 PANEL 5: SITUATIONS OF EXISTENTIAL THREAT AS TRUTH SCENES: MEDIA STRATEGIES MAKING USE OF WAR AND HUNGER, Moderation: Alexej Lochmatow (Uni Erfurt)

Bereket Hasen Beddecha (Uni Erfurt / Uni Mekelle): Russia's Diplomatic and Military Engagements in Ethiopian Media Discourse: Implications for Anticolonial Narratives

Gesine Drews-Sylla (Uni Würzburg): Grain Deals, the Role of the African Union and the Perceptions of the War against Ukraine in Senegalese Newspapers, 2022-2023

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 15:30 PANEL 6: THE BODY AS A SITE OF COLONIZATION AND TRUTH NEGOTIATIONS, Moderation: Friedrich Cain

Natalia Tikhonova (Uni Hamburg): Masculinity and Militarization in Contemporary Russian Society

Ella Rossman (UC London): The Soviet Version of Intersectionality: The "Woman Issue" and Internationalism in the 1970s and 1980s

15:30 – 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00 – 17:00 FINAL DISCUSSION

OPTIONAL: 19:00 DINNER