

International Conference

**African Thoughts on (Neo-) Colonial Worlds:
Steps towards an Intellectual History of Africa**

Thursday, 6th – Friday, 7th November 2014



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*1st Floor: Seminary Room 1 (Panels)
Seminary Room 2 (Breaks)*

Thursday, 06 November 2014:

8:30 – 9:30 **Registration**

9:30 – 10:00 **Introduction / Welcome Address**

- Words of Welcome
(Kirsten Rüther, Head of Department)
- Organizational Matters and Some Thoughts on the Conference Topic
(Miša Krenčeyová, Post-doc Researcher)
(Arno Sonderegger, Senior Lecturer)

10:00 – 12:00 **Panel I: “Crucial Voices from the Past: Some African Classics”**

Chair: Walter Schicho (University of Vienna)

Tunde Adeleke (Iowa State University, Ames)	Kwame Toure and African Liberation: Intellectual Insights from Guinea
Ihediwa Nkemjika Chimee (University of Nigeria, Nsukka)	Interrogating the Political Thought of Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe through his Writings
Arno Sonderegger (University of Vienna)	Which Way Africa? – A Fresh Look at George Padmore`s <i>Pan-Africanism or Communism</i>

Coffee Break

12:15 – 13:15 **Panel 2:** “*Variety and Unity in Emancipatory African Thought*”

Chair: Daniela Waldburger (University of Vienna)

Lena Heinze (University Leipzig)	"African Aesthetics" and Universal Culture - Entangled Antagonisms in a New World Order
Miša Krenčeyová (University of Vienna / University of the Free State, Bloemfontein)	Who is allowed to speak about Africa? Reflections on Knowledge, Positionality, and Authority in Africanist Scholarship

Lunch / Buffet

14:30 – 16:30 **Panel 3:** “*Institutions and Structures of Colonialism and Neo-Colonialism*”

Chair: Jaqueline Ejiji (University of Vienna)

Fewzi Borsali (University of Adrar, Algeria)	The Colonial Office and West African Colonial Intellectuals in the Decolonization Process
Kwadwo "Nana" Osei-Opare (University of California of Los Angeles UCLA)	Revisiting Nkrumah`s Ideological Attainment of Socialism: The Emergence of NEP [New Economic Policy] Ideology in Ghana
Janine Kläge (University Leipzig)	Knowledge Production about the Cameroonian State in the Discourse of the Intellectuals in Cameroon

Coffee Break

16:45 – 18:45 **Panel 4: “(South) African Moments: Struggling Against Apartheid and Oppression – and the Labor Question”**

Chair: Kirsten R  ther (University of Vienna)

Andrew Lawrence (Diplomatic Academy Vienna)	Steve Biko, Richard Turner, and the Durban Moment
Myra Ann Houser (Howard University, Washington DC)	The Making of Biko: Martyrdom and the Creation of an African Intellectual
Paulina Aroch-Fugellie (Universidad Aut��noma Metropolitana UAM, Mexico City)	Issa Shivji – Negative Dialectics after the New International Division of Labor

19:15 *Conference Dinner*

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Friday, 07 November 2014:

10:00 – 12:00 **Panel 5:** *“Not Lost in Translation: Linguistic and Cultural Gaps?”*

Chair: Martina Ciganikova (University of Vienna)

Lutz Diegner (Humboldt University Berlin)	The Contribution of Swahili Novels to East African Intellectual History
Peter S. Thompson (Roger Williams University, Bristol/Rhode Island)	Poetic Communication of the History of Western Sahara (Nabile Farès)
Ninja Steinbach-Hüther (University Leipzig)	Near and far: African academic literature in France and Germany: A comparative approach

Lunch / Buffet

13:15 – 14:15 **Panel 6:** *“Which Way Out? Modelling Africa upon Asian Ways of Development”*

Chair: Arno Sonderegger (University of Vienna)

Sara Marzagora (SOAS, University of London)	“We proceed following Japan”: The Role of the Japanese Model in early 20 th Century Ethiopian Political Philosophy
Felix Müller (University Leipzig)	Ghanaian and Ethiopian Thoughts on Asia`s Rise: Steps towards a new Developmental Paradigm?

Coffee Break

14:30 – 16:30 **Panel 7:** “*Back to the Future, Forward to the Past: What and Where is Africa?*”

Chair: Miša Krenčeyová (University of Vienna / University of the Free State, Bloemfontein)

Henk van Rinsum (Utrecht University)	Okot p`Bitek (1931-1982) revisited: the Quest for (African) Authenticity
Joanna Tegnerowicz (University of Wroclaw)	Rebel Against Colonial Lies: Chinweizu as the Radical Interpreter of the Black Condition
Jenna Marshall (Queen Mary University of London)	Epistemic Divergence in Radical Intellectual Traditions of the African Diaspora in the Caribbean

17:00 *Conference Dinner*

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