

THE LONG HISTORY OF PAN-AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL ACTIVISM: MORE THAN A CENTENARY, 1919 – 2019

International Conference

Organised by Arno Sonderegger

16th – 17th May 2019

Venue:

Department of African Studies, University of Vienna

Uni Campus Hof 5, Spitalgasse 2, 1090 Vienna, Austria

First Floor, Seminar Room 1



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First Conference Day: THURSDAY, 16th May 2019

9:00 – 9:50

Registration at the Department's Secretariat, 1st Floor

10:00

Welcome Address

by **Kirsten R  ther** (Head of the African Studies Department's "African History and Societies" section)

HISTORIES OF PAN-AFRICANISM

10:15 – 11:30

Panel 1: Pan-Africanism in Flux: Questions of Definition and Relevance

Chair: **Carl Bodenstein** (African Studies Department, University of Vienna)

Arno Sonderegger, University of Vienna/ Austria

FRAMING PAN-AFRICANISM

Albert Kasanda, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague/ Czech Republic

AFRICA FOR AFRICANS! EXPLORING SOME APORIAS AND CHALLENGES OF TODAY'S PAN-AFRICANISM

Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:45

Panel 2: Crucial Radical Voices of Pan-Africanism: Nkrumah and Rodney

Chair: **Lena Dallywater** (Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, Leipzig)

Felix Kumah-Abiwu, Kent State University, Ohio/ USA

PAN-AFRICAN IDEAS AND ACTIVISM: A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF KWAME NKRUMAH'S ROLE AND PERSPECTIVE

Tunde Adeleke, Iowa State University, Ames/ USA

EXILIC PAN-AFRICANISM: REFOCUSING KWAME NKRUMAH'S CONAKRY YEARS, 1966-1972

Immanuel Harisch, University of Vienna/ Austria

REVISITING WALTER RODNEY'S PAN-AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL ACTIVISM DURING HIS DAR-ES-SALAAM YEARS, 1966-1974

Coffee Break

14:15 –16:00

Panel 3: Politics of Pan-Africanism: Between the Global and the Local

Chair: **Myles Osborne** (Department of History, University of Colorado)

Isaac Saney, Dalhousie University & Saint Mary's University, Halifax/ Canada
NOVA SCOTIA'S PAN-AFRICAN NEXUS

Eric Burton, University of Innsbruck & University of Vienna/ Austria
DEBATING SOLIDARITIES IN AN ANTICOLONIAL HUB: PAN-AFRICANISM, PAN-ARABISM AND THE DISCONTENTS OF AFRO-ASIAN CONNECTIONS IN CAIRO, 1956-1963

Katharina Wurzer, University of Vienna/ Austria
THE MALI-FEDERATION – A PAN-AFRICAN ENDEAVOUR?

Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:15

Panel 4: Sounds and Struggles of Pan-Africanism

Chair: **Felix Kumah-Abiwu** (Department of Pan-African Studies, Kent State University)

Patrick Michael Ogeto, Laikipia University, Nakuru/ Kenya
ORIGINS, TRAJECTORIES AND CONTINUITY OF REGGAE MUSIC IN AFRICA: A TOOL FOR AFRICAN RENAISSANCE, DECOLONIZATION AND BLACK AFRICAN CONSCIOUSNESS

Yasmina Martin, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut/ USA
THE CREATIVE POLITICS OF PAN-AFRICANISM: "UHURU AFRICA" AND DIASPORIC CONNECTIONS IN THE ANTI-COLONIAL MOMENT

Adebowale Adeyemi-Suenu, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State/ Nigeria
AMILCAR CABRAL IDEOLOGICAL SCHOOL (ACIS) AND PAN-AFRICANIST STRUGGLE IN NEO-COLONIAL NIGERIA SINCE 1999

18:45

Conference Dinner

"Bierheuriger zum Gangl"

Uni Campus Hof 1

Alserstraße 4

1090 Wien

Second Conference Day: FRIDAY, 17th May 2019

CULTURES OF PAN-AFRICANISM

10:00 – 11:45

Panel 5: Caribbean Views on Pan-Africanism

Chair: **Tunde Adeleke** (Department of History, Iowa State University)

Dominik Frühwirth, University of Vienna/ Austria

“ETHIOPIA, THOU LAND OF OUR FATHERS!” – FROM ETHIOPIANISM TO PAN-AFRICANISM

Myles Osborne, University of Colorado, Boulder/ USA

“MAU MAU ARE ANGELS... SENT BY HAILE SELASSIE”: GRASSROOTS PAN-AFRICANISM IN JAMAICA

Rita Keresztesi, University of Oklahoma, Norman/ USA

PAN-AFRICANISM IN THE CARIBBEAN: DEBATING BLACK POWER

Coffee Break

12:15 – 14:45

Panel 6: Ideologies, Aesthetics, and Travels in Pan-African Space and Time

Chair: **Eric Burton** (Department of Contemporary History, University of Innsbruck)

Saheed Yinka Adejumobi, Seattle University, Washington/ USA

COSMOPOLITANISM, AFROPOLITANISM AND AFROFUTURISM: PAN-AFRICAN ACTIVISM AND THE KUTI FAMILY OF WEST AFRICA

Lena Dallywater, Leibniz-Institut für Länderkunde (IFL), Leipzig/ Germany

“MARXISM WAS BIG AT THAT TIME” – PAN-AFRICAN AESTHETICS AND WESTERN PERFORMANCE CULTURES

Perrin Lathrop, Princeton University, New Jersey/ USA

PAINTING “YOUR HISTORY”: AKINOLA LASEKAN’S PAN-AFRICAN NETWORKS

Coffee Break

15:15 – 17:00

Panel 7: Pioneering Pan-Africanism

Chair: **Anaïs Angelo** (African Studies Department, University of Vienna)

Christian Cwik, The University of the West Indies (UWI), Saint Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago
GEORGE PADMORE'S YEARS OF TRAVEL IN THE GERMAN-SPEAKING WORLD

Oliver Coates, University of Cambridge/ UK
THE IDEA OF AFRICA IN NNAMDI AZIKIWE'S *RENASCENT AFRICA*

Senayon Olaoluwa, University of Ibadan/ Nigeria
PAN-AFRICANISM AS SELF-INSCRIPTION: READING PETER ABRAHAMS' *THE BLACK EXPERIENCE* IN THE 20th CENTURY

17:15

Conference Buffet

Department of African Studies

Uni Campus Hof 5

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