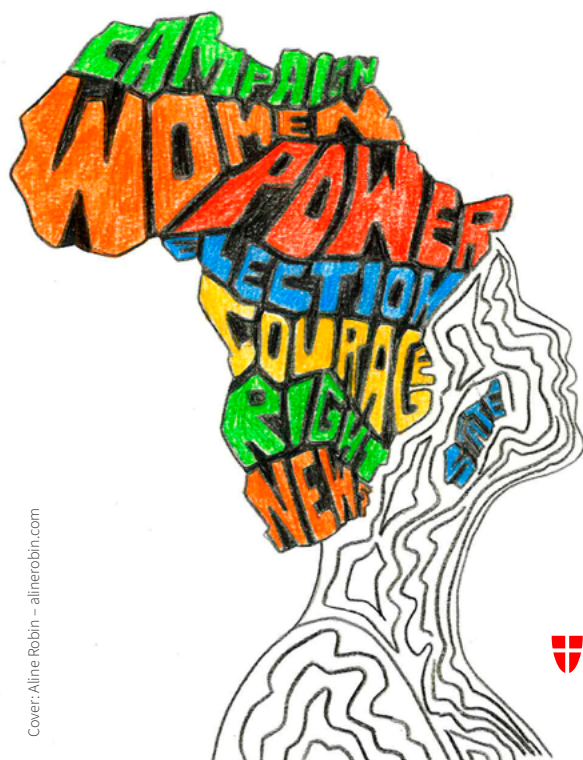




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# Women and the history of state building in Africa

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# Thursday, 6 June 2024

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## Location: „Marietta-Blau-Saal“ lecture hall

Main Building of the University of Vienna, Universitätsring 1, 1010 Vienna

**8:45 Welcoming of all participants**

**9:00 – 9:30 Introductory words**

Anaïs Angelo (University of Vienna)

**9:30 – 10:30 Breaking in powerful institutions: critical reflections**

*Of Cabinets, Shadow Cabinets and a Woman's Place: Gendering Cabinet Positions and the Impact on Kenyan Women's Political Careers 1960-2010*

Phoebe Musandu (Georgetown University in Qatar)

*Brooks, Cissé, and Jiagge: The United Nations as a Site of Feminist Pan-Africanism*

Yusra Abdullahi (University of Leiden)

Moderator: Lucile Dreidemy (University of Vienna)

**10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break**

**11:00 – 12:30 Keynote**

*Women and Nation-Building in Post-Colonial Africa*

Prof. Olufunke Adeboye (University of Lagos)

**12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break**

**13:30 – 14:30 Rethinking women's political participation**

*Married the Chimurenga: Rethinking the Histories of the Wives of Zimbabwe's Nationalist Leaders*

Tracey Muradzikwa (University of the Witwatersrand)

*From Ticklish Women to Women Leaders: Female Mobilization and Transmission of a Repertoire of Action Between Illegality and Conformation to Gender Norms*

Mamaye Idriss (University Centre of Mayotte)

Moderator: Daniela Atanasova (University of Vienna)

**14:30 – 15:00 Coffee break**

**15:00 – 16:00 Shaping political imagination**

*The Woman Question in the Thinking of a Sudanese Feminist*

Rogaia Mustafa Abusharaf (Georgetown University in Qatar)

*Danger of a Single-Narrative regarding Female Characters in „Memories we Lost and Other Stories“*

Arthur K. Muhia (University of Pecs)

Moderator: Martina Kopf (University of Vienna)

# Friday, 7 June 2024

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## Location: Department of African Studies - Seminar Room 1

Spitalgasse 2, Campus of the University of Vienna, Court 5, 1090 Vienna

**8:45 Welcoming of all participants**

**9:00 – 10:00 Politicising welfare: why the 1950s were crucial years**

*Nurses' Leadership and Political Participation in Sudan (1956 to 1970s)*

Mariam Sharif (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales)

*Ethiopian Observer's Perspectives: Women's Involvement*

*in the Post-Occupation State-Building Project of Modern Ethiopia*

Silvia Bruzzi (University of Turin)

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

**10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break**

**10:30 – 12:00 Neoliberalism and the politics of gender**

*Marriage, Motherhood and Means. Kenya's Gender Debates*

*in the Age of Neoliberalism and Women's Rights*

Kara Moskowitz (University of Missouri)

*Women, Politics and Television Archives in Liberia (1981-1989)*

Edidiong C. Ibanga (University of Bayreuth)

*Between Recognition and Cooptation: Institutionalizing Nigerian*

*Women's Agenda under Military Rule (1984-1993)*

Sara Panata (French National Center for Scientific Research)

Moderator: Eva-Maria Muschik (University of Vienna)

**12:00 – 13:30 Sharing ideas and food**

Extended lunch moderated by Derek R. Roberts (artist, teacher and AEWTASS member)

**13:30 – 15:00 Gendering military histories**

*Women, Gender and Military Coups in Africa*

Miles Tendi (University of Oxford)

*The Archives of Mama Bachu: A Portrait of a Congolese Leader*

*and Her Political Struggles in Congo-Kinshasa*

Maria Bacilio (Ecole Normale Sup  rieure de Paris)

*Women Merchants and the Gendered Optics of State Power in Togo*

Marius Kothor (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Moderator: Chenai Murata (University of Vienna)

**15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break**

**15:30 – 16:30 So where do we go now?**

*General discussion with all presenters*

Moderator: Derek R. Roberts & Ana  s Angelo