

VIVA AFRICA

International Conference on African Studies
Africa and (the Other) Europe: Imageries – Discourses – Exchanges

PROGRAM

Conference venue: Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Prague,
Czech Republic

rooms 200 and 201, Jan Palach Square 1/2

Date: 15–17 September 2021

Cultural program venue: Kampus Hybernská

Hybernská 4, Bar

Date: 14 September 2021

TUE 14 SEPT. PRE-CONFERENCE CULTURAL PROGRAM

(Venue: Kampus Hybernská 4, Bar - check the Campus website for exact location)

- 10:00-11:00 **Emiel Martens** - *Gifts from Babylon*
(online presentation of a documentary film)
- 12:00-13:00 **Michel Lafon and Mongezi Bolofo** - *A French to Zulu Manual* (online book launch)
- 14:00-15:00 **Kateřina Mildnerová** - *Namibian Czechs: History and Identity of the Namibian Children Raised in Czechoslovakia (Anthropology)* (offline book and movie launch)

WED 15 SEPT. CONFERENCE DAY 1

(Venue: room 200, Jan Palach Square 1/2)

13:00-15:00 **CAAS Assembly general meeting** (room 200)

14:30-16:00 **Registration** (in front of the room 200)

16:00-16:15 **Opening ceremony** (room 200 and ZOOM)

16:15-18:00 **Keynote address and discussion**

Keynote speaker: Sabelo J. Ndlovu-Gatsheni:

African Studies in the Context of the Cognitive Empire
and Global Economy of Knowledge Reflections on
Decolonial Turns

Keynote discussion chair: Stephanie Rudwick

THU 16 SEPT. CONFERENCE DAY 2

(Venue: rooms 200 and 201, Jan Palach Square 1/2)

SECTION A (room 200 and ZOOM)

SECTION B (room 201 and ZOOM)

9:00-10:30 Panels and sessions

A1 SESSION

Whiteness, colonial thinking and racism in Eastern Europe: Some reflections on current issues

chair: Andrea Filipi

- **Zuzana Uhde:** Towards the decolonization of migration debates in Central Europe
- **Patrycja Koziel:** Disinformation discourse on contemporary events in Sub-Saharan Africa based on media content in Poland: Dynamic and rhetoric of existing cultural relations
- **Martin Schmiedl & Stephanie Rudwick:** “It’s not our problem...”: Czech discourses on Black Lives Matter and Kneeling

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-13:00 Panels and sessions

A2 PANEL

Africa and Eastern Europe in the space of coloniality, decoloniality and neo-coloniality, Part One, Similarities and Differences

chairs: Annamaria Artner and Zsuzsánna Biedermann

- **Ráhel Czirják:** Examining neo-colonialism through EU-African trade relations

- **Zsuzsánna Biedermann:** Similarities between Eastern Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa
- **Judit Kiss:** Same or different? The pattern of ECE-African relationship
- **Zoltán Ginelli:** The ‘Ghana Job’: Opening Semiperipheral Hungary to the Postcolonial World
- **Annamaria Artner:** Africa and Eastern Europe in the world order

B1 SESSION

‘Socialism in All Countries’: The transcontinental travel of socialist ideas

chair: Hana Horáková

- **Małgorzata Drwal:** Soviet socialist realism in South African working-class theatre in the 1940s
- **Reka Krizmanics:** “One can hardly see a woman who would not carry a heavy load – they are toiling as beasts of burden”: The state socialist female gaze in travelogues about the Global South 1960s-1980s
- **Silvester Trnovec:** Bolshevism and colonial Africa. The case of Tunisia and French West Africa in 1920s-1930s
- **Sára Bagdi:** Representing the “other” in the Hungarian workers’ movement

13:00-14:30 **Lunch (individual)**

14:30-16:00 **Panels and sessions**

B2 SESSION

Journalists and missionaries mediating Africa at home

chair: Markéta Křížová

- **George Bodie:** Distant Relatives: Depictions of Mozambique in the German Democratic Republic

- **Anita Frison:** A Russian Gaze on Africa: the Role of the Journal Vokrug sveta between the End of the 19th and the Beginning of the 20th Century
- **Andreja Mesarič:** Slovene missionaries in Sudan: Reflections of their work in mid-19th century Carniola and present-day Slovenia

16:00-16:30 **Coffee break**

16:30-18:30 **Panels and sessions**

A3 PANEL

Eastern Europe and the Decolonisation of Southern Africa: Some Reconsiderations

chair: Lena Dallywater

discutant: Ulf Engel

- **Chris Saunders:** Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union, and the End of Apartheid in Southern Africa: Some Reconsiderations
- **Helder Adegar Fonseca:** The „Other Europe“ and the „Angolan Revolution“ (1960-1970): Connections and agency
- **Bence Kocsev:** Hungarian-African relations before and after African independence, with special attention to scientific exchanges and transfers
- **Ana Moledo:** Between actual assistance and mere lip service: A glimpse into the relations of Luso-African liberation movements with “communist front organizations
- **Robin Moeser:** Apartheid South Africa’s Accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and the Influence of Soviet Diplomats, 1987-1991

19:00 **Reception dinner (UHK-sponsored)**

FRI 17 SEPT. CONFERENCE DAY 3

(Venue: rooms 200 and 201, [Jan Palach Square 1/2](#))

SECTION A (room 200 and ZOOM)

SECTION B (room 201 and ZOOM)

9:00-10:30 Panels and sessions

A4 SESSION

Czechoslovak involvement in Africa during the Cold War
chair: Martin Babička

- **Barbora Buzassyova:** Tractors, Trainees, Teachers: Czechoslovakia and the quest for African “development” (1960s-1970s)
- **Adéla Jůnová-Macková:** Czechoslovak Scientists in Developing Countries – Official and Private Sources. Professor Zdeněk Charvát in Nigeria (and Elsewhere) in 1960s and 1970s.
- **Vít Klepárník:** The unfinished revolution: Czechoslovakia, USSR, and the building of Arab socialism in Egypt (1961–1973)

B3 SESSION

Literature and the de/construction of racial and colonial imaginations

chair: Vojtěch Šarše

- **Jana Kantoříková:** Neither Black nor White: Interracial Characters in French Literature translated into the Czech Lands
- **Agata Luksza:** The concepts of “blackness” in Polish society at the turn of the 20th century: A contribution to Polish colonial history
- **Dobrota Pucherová:** African and Western Feminisms: Encounters, Exchanges, Interfaces

10:30-11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00-13:00 **Panels and sessions**

A5 PANEL

Africa and Eastern Europe in the space of coloniality, decoloniality and neo-coloniality, Part Two, Expanding towards Africa

chairs: Annamaria Artner and Zsuzsánna Biedermann

- **Szabolcs Pásztor:** Central and Eastern European Diplomatic Missions in Africa – Growth Opportunities or Useless Efforts?
- **István Tarrósy & Dániel Solymári:** Pragmatic Hungarian foreign policy towards Africa in the 1960s: Educational exchanges, cultural transfers and their rebirth in the 2010s
- **Viktor Marsai:** Two Opening Towards the South – the Hungarian Diplomacy in Africa in the 1950s and the 2010s. Similarities and differences
- **Tamás Gerőcs:** Russian economic presence in Africa

B4 PANEL

Socialist Expertise and Development in Africa: Czechoslovak and East German Perspectives

chair: Eric Burton

- **Jakub Mazanec:** Taming Nkhrumah's rivers – Activity of the Czechoslovak Hydroprojekt in Ghana
- **Matyáš Borovský:** Code name LITOMYŠL – Czechoslovak military experts in Qaddafi's Libya
- **Jakob Marcks:** Tanzania: GDR architects and the UN International Year of Shelter for the Homeless
- **Barbora Menclová:** The case of Alto Catumbela: Czechoslovak experts in socialist Angola

13:00-14:30 **Lunch (individual)**

14:30-16:00 **Panels and sessions**

A6 SESSION

Just like the West? Eastern European attitudes, identity and politics after the Cold War

chair: Vilém Řehák

- **Nsama Jonathan Simuziya & Stephanie Rudwick:** Being Black in Czechia: Narratives of Linguistic and Racial Struggles
- **Soňa Jarošová:** Czech military involvement in Mali – where does it come from and where is it taking us?
- **Petr Skalník:** The logic of democratic underdevelopment after 1990: political culture in post-colonial Africa and post-communist Eastern Europe

B5 SESSION

Bringing Africa to children in books, on film and at school

chair: Alena Rettová

- **Marie Gasper-Hulvat:** Deti Negrov and Negritionki: African Bodies in Early Soviet Children's Book Illustrations
- **Martina Vitackova:** Our very own #tintingate: The representation of Africa and Africans in Maxipes Fík
- **Maria Hodorovska:** Africa in the Global Education Discourse

16:00-16:30 **Coffee break**

16:30-18:30 **Panels and sessions**

A7 PANEL

Poland and Post-Colonial Africa

convenor: Zuzanna Augustyniak

- **Kamil Kuraszkiewicz:** Problems of post-colonial archeology in Egypt

- **Olga Clarke:** In neoliberal promise of better life: soccer players turned entrepreneurs, celebrities, students and trophy wives. African diaspora in Poland and illusion of inclusion
- **Hanna Rubinkowska-Anioł:** Korabiewicz's collection from National Museum in Warsaw in post-colonial discourse
- **Nagmeldin Karamalla:** Economic cooperation of Poland with African countries in post-colonial perspective

B6 PANEL

African Students in the Socialist Countries of Eastern Europe: Training, Politics, and Careers

chair: Jan Koura

- **Eric Burton:** The pen and the gun. African liberation movements and two types of education in the socialist camp
- **Marta Edith Holečková:** African students in Prague in the 1960s
- **Constantin Katsakioris:** Eastern bloc-trained Algerians: Studies, politics, and careers back home
- **Mikuláš Pešta:** Africans in the International Union of Students and Cold War Internationalism
- **Immanuel R. Harisch:** South-East Entanglements in the international labour movement: Africans at trade union colleges in Eastern Europe with a focus on East Germany during the Cold War 1960s

18:45

Closing remarks