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Sunday January 6
Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Mandel Building Room 530

12:00-12:30 Gathering & Greetings

12:30-14:00 Becoming Postcolonial

Chair: Ulf Engel

Tal Sela, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Ousmane Sembene's God's Bits of Wood (1960): Towards a New Model of an African Society

Yair Hashahar, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Trans-Saharan Trajectories: Afromodernity and the Limits of the Critique of Pan-Africanism

David J Ndegwah, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science & Technology
Pan-Africanism and the African Renaissance

Hlengiwe Dlamini, University of the Free State
The Euphoria of the Wind of Change in the British Protectorate of Eswatini (Swaziland): The Breakdance of the Western Educated Elite, the Swazi Monarchy and the White Swazis

14:20-15:50 Development and Planning for the Future

Chair: Ruth Wenske Stern

Bence Kocsev, Leipzig University
Promoting Planned Economy: Hungarian economists on the future development of Africa

Itamar Dubinsky, Oregon State University
Nkrumah's Real Republicans: Hopes for nation building and pan-Africanism in 1960s Ghana

Nurit Hashimshony-Yaffe and Talia Abramovich, The Academic College of Tel Aviv-Yafo
The Intense 1960's: Côte d'Ivoire, planning the independent state

Jean Lemon Kone, ÉHESS Paris
From Colonial to Postcolonial Schools: When Independence would accelerate the careers of African teachers (1958-1974)

16:15-17:45 Postcolonial States and Nation-building

Chair: Louise Bethlehem

Taiwo Olaiya, Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife
Was 1960s for decolonisation or decolonised leadership? Re-examining statehood and nationhood in postcolonial Africa

Olayemi Akiunwumi, Nasarawa University
The Political Developments in the 1960s: A Reflection on the rise and fall of Opposition political parties in Africa

James Kirby, Durham University
Writing histories of human rights in 1960s Africa: The case of Botswana

Naomi Chazan, Hebrew University
The transformation of the colonial state in the 1960s

Nicodemus Fru Awasom, University of Legon
The Extraordinary Simultaneous Independence and Re-Colonisation of the British Southern Cameroons in 1961 and its Outcome



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Monday January 7
Ben Gurion University of the Negev
Barkan Conference Hall

9:45-10:15 Gathering & Greetings

10:15-11:45 Liberation Movements and Ideology

Chair: Anat Rosenthal

Ana Moledo, Leipzig University
Revisiting anticolonial rhetorics in the long 1960s: contributions from liberation movements of Lusophone Africa

Eric Burton, University of Exeter
Hubs of decolonization: Cairo, Accra and Dar es Salaam as crossroads of African liberation movements in the 1950s and 1960s

Uoldelul Chelati Dirar, University of Macerata
Cannibal radicalism: Nationalism, Marxism, Socialism in Eritrea between ideology and praxis

12:15-13:45 Academia and Emerging Fields of Knowledge

Chair: Ruth Ginio

Raymond Silverman, University of Michigan
"Making African Art": Founding a Discipline and Shaping a Canon in the 1960s

Matthias Middell, Leipzig University
East Germany and Africa in the 1960s

Ruth Wenske Stern, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Language, Literature, and Learning: The Makerere African Writers Conference and its Impact on the Use of English in Uganda

16:00-17:30 International/Local/National Intersections

Chair: Matthais Middell

Hakeem Ibikunle Tijani, National Open University of Nigeria
ILO and its ACTRAV Activities in sub-Saharan Africa during the "Glorious" 1960's

Katherine Erickson, Wolfson College, Oxford University
The Pope Comes to Namugongo: Paul VI and the Optics of the Modern Catholic Church in Africa, 1969

Oliver Coates, Cambridge University
Nigeria and the Islamic war during the 1960's

Tuesday January 8
Ben Gurion University of the Negev
Oren Conference Hall

10:15-11:45 Foreign Relations and Postcolonial Diplomacy

Chair: Miri Stryjan

Thom Loyd, Georgetown University
The African Challenge to Soviet Internationalism in the Ukraine

Steffi Marung, Leipzig University
Entangling post-colonial peripheries: Soviet-African conversations

Ulf Engel, Leipzig University
The Organisation of African Unity in the 1960s

12:15-13:45 Postcolonial Militarities

Chair: Leonardo Cohen

Riina Turtio, Centre d'Histoire, Sciences Po Paris
Foreign military assistance and soldiers in building francophone West African states 1958-74

Ruth Ginio, Ben Gurion University of the Negev
African Soldiers in the French Army and the (In)Significance of 1960

Saheed Aderinto, Western Carolina University
Guns and Politics in 1960s Nigeria

16:00-17:30 South Africa in the 1960s

Chair: Lynn Schler

Roni Mikel Arieli, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Holocaust on Trial in a Racial State: The Reception of the Eichmann Trial (1961-1962) in Apartheid South Africa

Karin Berkman, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Remember Sharpeville: Sharpeville and cultural memory in the poetry of the exiled South African poets, Dennis Brutus and Keorapetse Kgositsile

Louise Bethlehem, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Stenographic Fictions: Representations of the Rivonia Trial (1963 - 1964) in Dissident South African Literature

Tal Zalmanovich, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
From Cottesloe to the Program to Combat Racism: World Council of Churches and the Turn to Violence in South Africa Turbulent 1960s



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