

The Socialist Countries and the Third World: Recent Approaches and New Perspectives

Institute of World History, Charles University September 8-9, 2022 Program

Venue: Faculty of Philosophy, nám. Jana Palacha 2, Room 201

Thursday 8 September

15h30-16h00 Welcome

16h00-17h15 – Panel 1: Diplomacy, Trade, and Military Aid

Christopher Lash (Warsaw), "Taking Third World Solidarity with a Pinch of Salt: Socialist Poland's Trade Policy in 1960s Mali"

Jan Koura and Mikulas Pesta (Prague), "A Gate for socialism in Africa: Czechoslovak developmentalism in Guinea on the example of Czechoslovak security school in Kankan, 1958-1966"

17h15-17h30 Coffee Break

17h30-18h45 – Panel 2: Development Aid: Part 1

Constantin Katsakioris (Prague), "El Hadjar: Soviet Bloc Aid and the Epic of Algeria's Steel Industry"

Aurelia Ohlendorf (Leipzig), "Globalizing the Socialist Development Model. Soviet Dams for the Global South"

19h00 Dinner

Friday 9 September

09h30-10h45 – Panel 3: Development Aid: Part 2

Justyna Aniceta Turkowska (Edinburgh), "Invisible Actors, Material Networks and Postcolonial Order: Polish geologists in West Africa in the 1960-1970s"



Bogdan Iacob (Bucharest), "Medicine, Race and Socialism: Romanian Doctors in Sub-Saharan Africa (1960s-1970s)"

10h45-11h00 – Coffee Break

11h00-12h15 - Panel 4: "Education and Culture"

Barbora Buzássyová (Bratislava/Prague), "New Forms of Developmental Cooperation: UNESCO-sponsored Postgraduate Training Courses in Czechoslovakia and Students from the Global South"

Matthieu Gillabert (Fribourg), "From Francophilia to Francophonie? Cultural Exchange and Cooperation between Poland and French-speaking Africa (1960-1989)"

12h30-14h00 Lunch

14h00-15h15 – Panel 5: "From Money to Ideas: What Africa received"

Eric Burton (Innsbruck), "Liberation Struggles in Balance Sheets. Expenditures and Revenues of the ANC and FRELIMO in the Global 1960s"

Adam Mayer (Györ), "State Socialist Eastern European Links and Entanglements with Nigeria: Leftist Politics, Trade Unions, Political Economy, and Radical Feminism"

15h15-15h30 Break

15h30-16h45 – Panel 6: "The Socialist World and Africa: Reassessing the Relations"

Nemanja Radonjić & Radina Vučetić (Belgrade), "Yugoslavia and Africa in the Global Cold War: Trials and Trajectories of Exchange"

Steffi Marung (Leipzig), "From Soviet Africa to an African Soviet Union. Physical and Intellectual Mobilities in Contested Spaces"

16h45-17h00 Break

17h00-18h00 – Final Discussion

19h00 Dinner