

«Non-Western Europe and Africa: Connections in the Past and the Present»

(Moscow, 2-3 June 2016)

Preliminary programme

June 2, 2016

09.30-10:00 – Registration of participants.

10.00- 10.30 – Opening of the conference.

10.30-14:00 – Panel I. Historical Connections and Ties.

Convener - Ljubica Spaskovska.

1. Andrei Urnov (Russia). The Soviet Union and Liberation Movement in Africa: Pages of History.
2. Catherine Ratcliff (UK). “Freedom as Development” in Soviet Public Discursive Construction of Africa.
3. Vladimir Shubin (Russia). Red Star over Southern Africa: the Role of the Soviet Military in the Region.
4. Hilary Lynd (USA). From Anti-Imperialism to National Interest: Gorbachev's New Thinking and Soviet-ANC Relations.

12.10-12.40 - Coffee-break.

5. Ljubica Spaskovska (United Kingdom). (Un)likely Allies – Yugoslavia, Africa and the Pursuit of Non-Aligned Internationalism.
6. Emmanuel Habyarimana (Switzerland). Geopolitical Dynamics of the Relations between the U.S.S.R./Russia and Other Central and Eastern European Countries and the African Great Lakes Region since the End of the World War II.
7. Leah C. Nodvin (USA). Inclusive State-Building and Distributive State-Building: an Analysis of Legitimacy in Rwanda and Bosnia.

14:00-15:30 – Lunch.

15.30-19.05 - Panel II. Political and Economic Connections and Ties.

Convener – Olga Kulkova.

1. O. Igho Natufe (Canada). Africa in Russian Foreign Policy: a Study in Strategic Priorities.
2. Tatiana Deych (Russia). Russian-African Political Relations at the Present Stage
3. Evgeny Korendyasov (Russia). Russia Returns to Africa: Economic Aspects.

4. Olga Kulkova (Russia). Russia's Approach to Supporting Development and Security in Africa (2000-2010s).

17.10-17.40 - Coffee-break.

5. Sergey Nenashev (Russia). Russia and Angola: the Past and the Present of Bilateral Relations.
6. Zinaida Sokova (Russia). The Regional Cooperation between Russia and Africa (Case Study of Tyumen Region).
7. Vasily Sidorov (Russia). South African Energy Sector and "Rosatom".

June 3, 2016

10.00-13:15. – Panel III. Cultural Ties and Relations.

Convener – Sarah Lunaček.

1. Karina Simonson (Lithuania). Star of David in the Cutlery Drawer: Immigration Experiences in South African Jewish (Litvak) Photography.
2. Lilijana Stepančič (Slovenia). Exhibiting Prints from the Global South at the International Biennial of Graphic Arts in Ljubljana 1955 – 1991.
3. Sarah Lunaček (Slovenia). Film Reporters of SFR Yugoslavia's Newsreel 'Filmske novosti' in Africa.

11.15-11.30 - Coffee-break.

4. Nikolai Jeffs (Slovenia). Subversion, Solidarity, Containment: Non-Alignment, Yuri Muri, and the Racist Representation of Africans in Socialist Yugoslavia and Postsocialist Slovenia.
5. Eleonora Lvova (Russia). The First Scientists of Moscow University in East Africa
6. Nikolai Dobronravin (Russia). From Timbuktu to Harar: African Islamic Manuscripts in Russia.
7. Djordina Trubarac Matić (Serbia). Water Bulls: Khoisan and Balkanic Parallels.

13.15.-14.45. – Lunch.

14.45-17.00. Panel IV. African Students and Migrants in Non-Western Europe.

Convener – Dmitri Bondarenko.

1. Dmitri Bondarenko (Russia). African Migrants in the USSR and RF: A Socio-Cultural Comparison.

2. Veronica Usacheva (Russia). African Students in Moscow: Cultural Adaptations in the Soviet Union and Post-Soviet Russia.
3. Anna Siim-Moskvitina (Russia). Learning about their Own Society and Culture in the USSR: African Students and the Soviet School of Anthropology.
4. Elieth Eyebiyi (Benin). African Connections and Student Training Dynamics in the Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.
5. Tatiana Smirnova (France). Social History of International Women Cooperation between the USSR and African Countries.

17.00-17.30 – Closing ceremony.

The preliminary programme may be subject to changes due to various reasons.