

International Organizations and Decolonization in Historical Perspective

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9:00 – 9:15 Coffee & Registration

9:15 – 9:35

INTRODUCTION

Eva-Maria Muschik (University of Bern)

9:45 – 11:00

PANEL 1

Debating the Meaning of Decolonization – International Organizations as Venues

SPEAKERS

Anne-Isabelle Richard (Leiden University): „Negotiating Decolonization: African Delegates at the Council of Europe”

Elisabeth Leake (University of Leeds): „Debating Decolonization During the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan”

CHAIR & DISCUSSANT

Jennifer Foray (Purdue University)

11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 13:00

PANEL 2

The Imperialism of International Decolonization

SPEAKERS

Giorgio Poti (American University of Rome): „The Matryoshka of Empire: Egypt, Sudan and the League of Nations, 1919 – 1924”

Stella Krepp (University of Bern): „America Para Los Americanos: The British Caribbean, Decolonization and the Inter-American System, 1940–1969”

Angela Loschke (Leipzig University): „Development, Decolonization and African Relations: South Africa, the UN and the Creation of the Economic Commission for Africa, 1950–1958”

CHAIR & DISCUSSANT

Jason Parker (Texas A&M University)

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch

15:00 – 16:30

PANEL 3

International Organizations as Platforms for Anti-Colonial Struggles

SPEAKERS

Giuliano Garavini (New York University Abu Dhabi): „Baghdad 1960: the Birth of OPEC as the First International Organization of the Global South”

Jeffrey Byrne (University of British Columbia): „African Unity and the Competing Apparata of the Third World Project”

Alanna O'Malley (Leiden University): „A View from Inside: Examining the Agency of UN officials on the Committee of 24 in Reconstituting the Means and Methods of Decolonization from 1961–1975”

CHAIR & DISCUSSANT

Simon Stevens (University of Sheffield)

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee Break

17:00 – 18:30

Keynote by **Susan Pedersen** (Columbia University)

„Legitimation Crisis: The Italo–Ethiopian Dispute in International Politics”

INTRODUCTION

Madeleine Herren-Oesch (University of Basel)

18:30 – 19:30 Reception

9:00 – 10:30

PANEL 4

Shaping Decolonization through Advocacy, Standard Setting and Law Making

SPEAKERS

Meredith Terretta (University of Ottawa): „Early Human Rights NGOs, Anticolonial Activists and Freedom of Movement in Decolonizing Africa”

Bastiaan Bouwman (London School of Economics): „Christianity after Empire: The Ecumenical Movement’s Advocacy of Religious Freedom in Decolonizing Indonesia and Nigeria, 1945–1960”

Boyd van Dijk (University of Amsterdam): „Pluralizing Colonial Sovereignty: Creating International Law for the Wars of Decolonization”

CHAIR & DISCUSSANT

Pamela Ballinger (University of Michigan)

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:15

PANEL 5

Decolonizing Knowledge and Expertise

SPEAKERS

Bogdan Iacob (University of Exeter): „Malariaology, Peripheries, and Decolonization: East European Experts from the League of Nations to the World Health Organization”

William Carruthers (University of East Anglia): „Archaeological (Non?) Alignments: Egypt, India and the Scientific Geographies of UNESCO’s Nubian Campaign”

Su Lin Lewis (University of Bristol):

„Competitive Cultural Diplomacy and Civil Society in 1950s Burma”

CHAIR & DISCUSSANT

Jessica Pearson (Macalaster College)

12:15 – 13:15 Lunch

13:15 – 14:45

PANEL 6

Decolonization and Humanitarian Interventions

SPEAKERS

Noelle Turtur (Columbia University): „Mothers without Milk: A Humanitarian Crisis in British Occupied Italian East Africa”

Brian McNeil (US Air War College): „The Battle of Geneva: The International Committee of the Red Cross and the Humanitarian Crisis in Biafra”

Emily Baughan (University of Sheffield): „Decolonising Development? The International Council of Child Welfare in Western Nigeria, 1963 – 1970”

CHAIR & DISCUSSANT

Tehila Sasson (Emory University)

14:45 – 15:00 Coffee Break

15:00 – 16:00 Concluding Discussion

INTRODUCTION

Roland Wenzlhuemer (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich)
