

# **Alternative Encounters: The ‘Second World’ and the ‘Global South’, 1945-1991**

Location: Imre Kertész Kolleg, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität, Jena

November 3-4 2014

## **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

*9.30 a.m. Opening/Welcome*

*9.45 a.m.*

### **I: CONCEPTS: GLOBALISATIONS, GLOBAL CIRCULATION, AND THE SOCIALIST WORLD SYSTEM**

Jonas Flury (Bern), The idea of a socialist world system 1950s - 1970s. Conceiving an alternative global system; theories of growing interconnectedness and exchange in the socialist world

Oscar Sanchez-Sibony (Macau), An Economic Cold War? The Soviet Union and the Decolonization Vortex

Artemy M. Kalinovsky (Amsterdam), Colony, Model, Colony: Soviet Central Asia and Cold War Development

Bogdan C. Iacob (New Europe College, Bucharest), From Periphery to Cardinal Borderland: The Balkans into UNESCO

*12 a.m. Lunch*

*1 p.m.*

### **II: ECONOMIC KNOWLEDGE BETWEEN ‘EAST’ AND ‘SOUTH’**

Massimiliano Trentin (Bologna), "Tough Negotiations": the partnership between the German Democratic Republic and B'athist Syria, 1963-1970.

Małgorzata Mazurek (Columbia), Bandung Economics: Polish Economic Advisors in India, 1955-1960

#### **A collaboration between:**

**Imre Kertész Kolleg, Friedrich Schiller Universität, Jena**

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**Centre for Imperial and Global History, University of Exeter**

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Berthold Unfried (Vienna), Encounters and transfers between GDR development workers and their African counterparts

Iris Borowy (RWTH Aachen), Translating Health: The GDR and Medical Solidarity in Ethiopia and Nicaragua

*Coffee*

*3.30 p.m.*

### **III: INTELLECTUAL CULTURES AND EXCHANGE**

Łukasz Stanek (Manchester), Tropical Modernism and Socialist Internationalism: The Case of Ghana National Construction Corporation (1960—66)

Andreas Butter (Bauhaus Dessau Foundation) and Christoph Bernhardt (TU Darmstadt), Networking across the iron curtain, competing for the global south: The International Union of Architects (UIA) and the export of East-German socialist architecture to the global south (1949-1989)

Christine Varga-Harris (Illinois State), Orientalism, Soviet-Style: Cultural Exchange and the Inevitability of Communism in the World of *Soviet Woman*

*5.15 p.m.*

### **KEYNOTE : Professor Andreas Eckert**

*7 p.m. Conference dinner*

## **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

*10 a.m.*

### **IV: ASIA AND THE 'SECOND WORLD'**

Jan Zofka (Leipzig), China as a Role Model? The "Great Leap Forward" in Bulgaria

Péter Vámos (Institute of History, Hungarian Academy of Sciences), China and the Eastern Bloc in the Global South

Hanna Jansen (Amsterdam), Soviet Oriental Studies as a Platform to Negotiate Asian Relations and Identities

*12.15 p.m. Lunch*

*1.15 p.m.*

### **V: ENCOUNTERS: CONSTRUCTING SIMILARITY AND DIFFERENCE**

Quinn Slobodian (Wellesley College), Hate and Rainbows: Race Repertoires in the GDR

Sara Pugach (California State, Los Angeles), Seeking Scientific Education - and Modernity - in the Soviet Bloc: Nigerian Students in 1950s East Germany

Péter Apor (Institute of History, Hungarian Academy of Sciences) and James Mark (Exeter), Encountering Latin America in Socialist Hungary 1956-1989

*Coffee*

3 p.m.

## **VI: THE 'GLOBAL SOUTH' AND CHALLENGES TO STATE SOCIALISM**

Vladimir Boyko (Altai State Pedagogical Academy), Soviet-Afghan discoveries in the 1920s-70s: diplomacy, intelligence, and scholarship

Kim Christiaens & Idesbald Goddeeris (KU Leuven), Solidarność and the Global South

Piotr Wciślik (Central European University), Non-violence and Double Standards: Solidarity with Fighting Afghanistan in late-dissident Poland

4.45pm - *Final Discussion*

### **Early Career/ PhD 'Poster Presentations'**

Ela Drązkiewicz (NUI Maynooth), Polish Aid to Africa during the Cold War

Dan Gashler (Binghamton), Reimagining Slovenia's National Liberation War, in Vietnam: Understanding the Chaos of 1968

Yulia Gradszkova (Stockholm), The Soviet education of internationalism between "othering" and "bringing closer": the case of Latin America

Ljubica Spaskovska (Exeter), 'We have gathered from all continents of the Globe...' – Cold War youth encounters in late socialism

Kamil Szmid (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan), A communist journalist in the midst of political transformation. Ryszard Kapuściński's travels through Africa

Bálint Tolmár (Central European University, Budapest), Labor Migration between Eastern Europe and the Third World: the Case of Cuban Temporary Workers in Socialist Hungary, 1980-1988

Natalia Telepneva (London School of Economics), The Soviet Union and the Development of the 'Embryo State' in Angola, Mozambique, and Guinea-Bissau, 1967-1970