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50 YEARS OF TRANSITIONS
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
AND THE DEVELOPMENT
CHALLENGES AHEAD

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MORNING SESSION

Aula 4, Palazzo Hercolani, Strada Maggiore 45, Bologna

8:45-9:00 WELCOME GREETINGS

- **Raffaella Baritono** (Deputy Head, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna)
- **Arrigo Pallotti** (Director, Centre of Historical and Political Studies on Africa and the Middle East, Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna)

9:00-9:15 KEYNOTE

- **Henning Melber** (The Nordic Africa Institute), *The last 50 years - from liberation movements to governments and the limits to liberation*

9:15- 11:00 PANEL 1 END OF APARTHEID AND ITS AFTERMATH IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Chair: **Corrado Tornimbeni** (University of Bologna)

- **Sue Onslow** (King's College London), *Britain and South Africa 1990-1994*
- **Unaludo Sechele** (University of the Free State), *"The fall of apartheid", reimagining Botswana's relations with a democratic South Africa, 1990-2000*
- **Arrigo Pallotti** (University of Bologna), *Back to the future: the role of SADC after the end of apartheid*

11:00-11:15 COFFEE BREAK

11:15-13:00 PANEL 2 LAND AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Mario Zamponi (University of Bologna)

- **Steven Robins** (Stellenbosch University), *Post-apartheid political, technological and land-use transitions in the semi-arid Karoo*
- **Micheal Chasukwa** (University of Malawi), *Grassroots resistance to land alienation and capital accumulation in Malawi - unsettling political settlements*
- **Davide Chinigò** (University of Bologna), *The just energy transition in South Africa: a historical perspective*



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13:00-14:30 LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

Aula C, Santa Cristina, Piazzetta Giorgio Morandi 2, Bologna

14:30-16:30 PANEL 3 THE 'MINERALIZATION' OF POLITICS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Chair: **Arrigo Pallotti** (University of Bologna)

- **Patience Mususa** (The Nordic Africa Institute), *From the ground up: Central Africa's Copperbelt agenda for its minerals*
- **Jennifer Chansa**, (University of the Free State), *Nation building and resource management: experiences and lessons from mining and political transitions in Zambia*
- **Tichaona Mazarire** (University of South Africa), *Oil discovery in Namibia and public governance arrangements: can Namibia avoid the resource curse?*
- **Corrado Tornimbeni** (University of Bologna), *Gas and the crisis of hegemonic politics in Mozambique?*

16:30-16:45 Break

16:45-18:00 PANEL 4 JUSTICE AND SOCIAL POLICIES

Chair: **Davide Chinigò** (University of Bologna)

- **Sibanengi Ncube** (University of the Free State), *Prosecution or persecution? The intersection of politics and law in post-colonial Zimbabwe's democratic struggles since the 2000s*
- **Priscillah Machinga** (University of the Free State), *Public maternity services and anyanyamukuta (indigenous midwives) in postcolonial Zimbabwe*

18:00-18:30 CONCLUDING REMARKS

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